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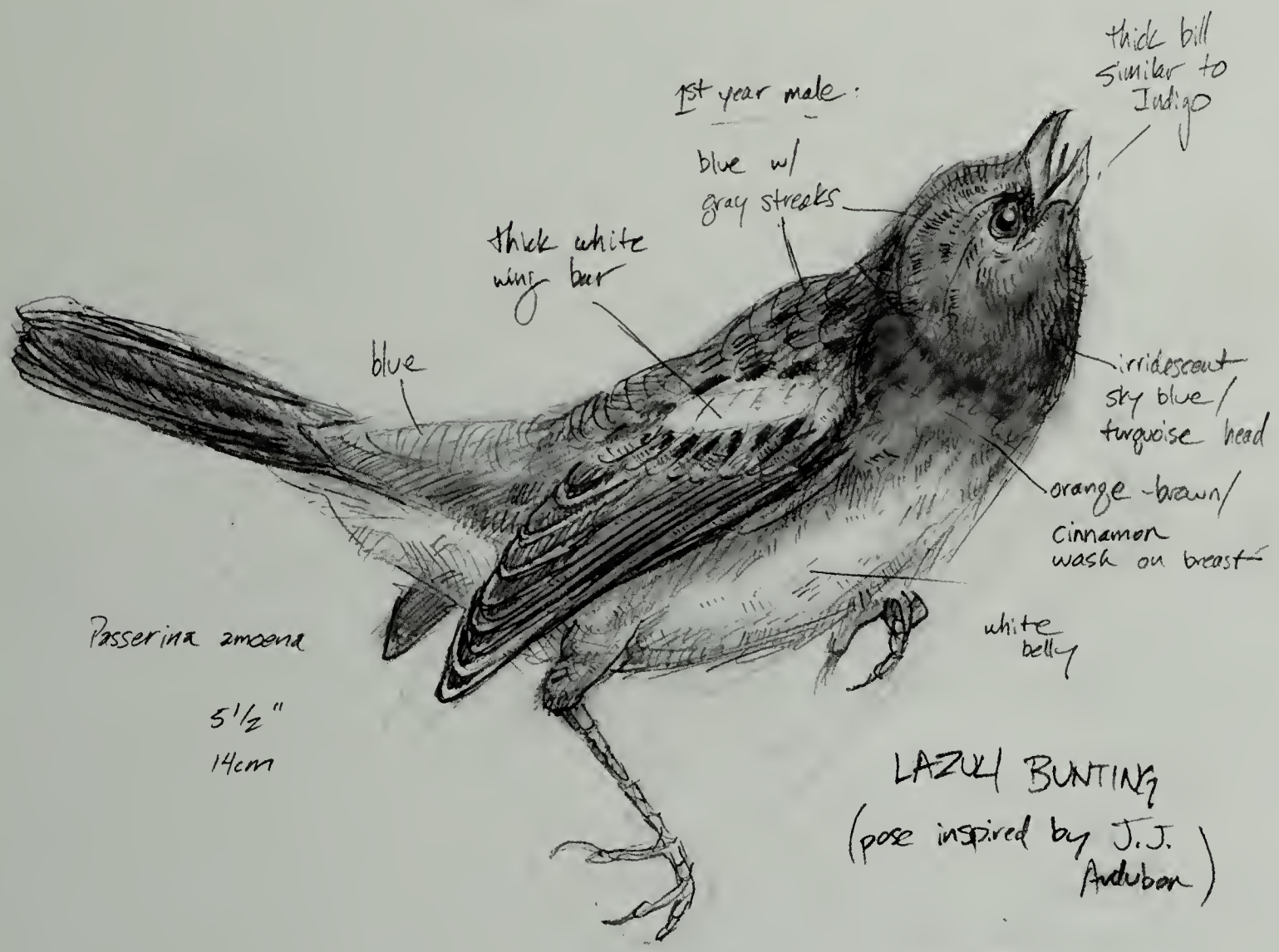

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President's Message

Dear Members:

On the weekend of April 25-27 the IOS Annual Meeting was held at Giant City State Park in southern Illinois in conjunction with the Birding Fest of Southernmost Illinois. As many of you know the Birding Fest runs a day-long Birding Blitz each year to raise funds for the conservation of the Cache River Watershed.

This year seven teams competed in various categories and included our very own IOS Northern Shrikes: Sheryl DeVore, Susan Kaley, Jeff Smith and Jenny Vogt. The IOS Northern Shrikes joined other teams of prominent birders with heavy IOS membership.

The rivalry of Keith McMullen's Hot Shots and Steve Bailey's Hooters for top honors continues with the Hot Shots recapturing the title with a tally of 163 species in blustery conditions. The total species from all seven teams hit over 190 species! All told the teams raised more than $4000 for the Friends of the Cache. We will be adding to that total with a contribution of half of the net proceeds from our Annual Meeting.

Our banquet speaker, Dr. Jeff Hoover of the Illinois Natural History Survey gave a very informative and entertaining presentation, which discussed some interesting discoveries arising from multi-year studies of cowbird predation in the Cache River Watershed. Jeff also showed us how a simple stratagem of building gully plugs stopped adjacent wet lands from draining into the Cache River resulting in dramatic increases in the breeding success of species such as the Prothonotary Warbler. The Birding Blitz pledges and the IOS contribution will be spent on building more of these gully plugs.

I am sure I speak for all in attendance in saying that we had another great Annual Meeting professionally run by our Annual Meeting Chair, Jeff Walk and excellent field trips on Saturday and Sunday organized by Field Trip Chair Travis Mahan and led by blitzers Travis, Steve Bailey, Vicki Lang-Mendenhall, Keith McMullen, Rhonda Rothrock, Dan Williams and Geoff Williamson despite early starts after a sleep-deprived Blitz on Friday, and Trevor Hinckley and Don Mullison.

At the Banquet we announced this year's IOS Grant Program winners. You will read in more detail about the awards in a forthcoming issue of the Meadowlark. We were delighted by the record number of applicants this year and were able to make five grants of $500 each as a result of the generosity of and support from the DuPage Birding Club and Karen and Bob Fisher with Vicky Sroczynski and her husband John Burke, the latter group in memory of their friend Jerry Kumery.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

Blitzing in Southern Illinois

What activity allows you to wear your sloppiest clothes and get away with it, imbibe sugar and caffeine and other not-so-good-for-you stuff all day long, celebrate with wine, beer or whatever at the end of the day and experience unforgettable birding moments?

Birding big days in spring, of course. This year, I had the pleasure and honor of birding with Susan Kaley, Jeff Smith and IOS Vice-President Jenny Vogt from dawn until dusk in southern Illinois during the joint IOS Annual meeting and Southernmost Birding Blitz and Festival.

Highlights follow:

We began the day with Whip-poor-will and ended it with Chuck-will's widow.

The forecasted rain didn't occur until near the end of the day.

Despite warning from a turkey hunter we encountered that the gobblers were hiding from the high water situation in the south, Jeff spotted a flock of Wild Turkeys, while driving down a road. We gobbled with joy!

We finally added Louisisana Waterthrush near dusk – We were worried that this common southern Illinois species already building nests, was to evade us all day. But at Fern Clyffe State Park at the end of the day, we heard the waterthrush's sweet song from a creek, and got great looks at male and presumably, female.

Jeff added several new lifers to his list including Black-necked Stilt, while Susan and I added a new state species, Glossy Ibis, to ours. (Jenny already had the ibis for the state!)

Worm-eating, Hooded, Kentucky and Cerulean Warblers were singing – and we got good looks at them, too.

American Redstarts sang all of their varied songs and then some. When redstarts become the trash bird of the day, then that's a good day birding.

The flowering dogwoods and redbuds added gorgeous backdrops to the colorful spring migrants and breeders.

We made it through the end of the day with no bee stings, snake bites, poison ivy or other outdoor-related ills. (Alas, I did have a couple of mosquito bites.)

Thanks to my DuPage County birding friends for a great day in southern Illinois. What I like best about birding besides the birds, of course, is getting to know some great people while sharing a passion. IOS makes that possible!

Sheryl DeVore

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Calls, captures, and collisions:

Triangulating three census methods to better understand nightly passage of songbird migrants through the Chicago region during May

By Melissa Schramm 1, Jacqueline Fiala 1, Terese Noe 1, Paul Sweet, Annette Prince 2, Caleb Gordon 1

Introduction

Censusing migrant birds is a prime concern of birdwatchers and ornithologists alike, particularly in light of recent population declines reported for some species (National Audubon Society 2005, 2007). The large volume and diversity of birds that pass through the Chicago region each year during migration present a great opportunity for monitoring populations that breed and winter across a wide range of regions and habitats, yet censusing bird populations during migration presents significant technical challenges. Each technique for censusing migrating birds has its own advantages and biases. Some of these biases, such as those for mist netting, are well known. However, other techniques, such as nocturnal flight-call recordings or window-collision monitoring are somewhat newer, and their biases are less well understood. Understanding these biases, and the general correspondence between the data rendered by different migrant bird censusing techniques is an important frontier for improving our ability to monitor migrant bird populations while en route.

As a bird censusing technique, mist-netting has the advantage of a highly standardized sampling structure and effort, yet it also has well-known biases. For instance, mist-netting does not frequently capture larger birds or those that forage in flight; captures consist largely of understory birds found between 2 and 3 m off the ground (Remsen & Good, 1996, Wang & Finch 2002). Mist nets also typically capture only forest species, thus, birds that prefer open areas are under-represented (Derlindati & Caziani 2005).

Recording nocturnal flight calls of migrating birds has recently received a great deal of attention in the birding and ornithological communities because of its potential as an identification and censusing tool. However, this technique is also subject to significant methodological challenges. Migrants can only be reliably heard or recorded when they are flying low, and birds' migration altitude varies depending on weather conditions (Graber & Cochran 1959; Farnsworth 2005). Moreover, even with recent software advances, it is still impossible or extremely difficult to confidently identify many species on the basis of their nocturnal flight calls (Evans and O'Brien 2002, Farnsworth 2005). In addition, variation in calling behavior and frequency further complicate abundance inferences from nocturnal flight call data (Graber and Cochran 1960).

Window-collision bird rescue programs have saved the lives of many birds both directly, and through the attention they have drawn to bird mortality from window collisions, leading to various collision mitigation programs. Such programs also provide scientifically valuable museum specimens, yet bird collision and rescue programs have rarely been exploited as a source of information for monitoring bird populations. Using window collision data in this way requires an understanding of the biases associated with window-collision bird samples. These biases are poorly known. Graber and Cochran (1959) suggested that some bird species are attracted to tower lights, which might increase the density of these birds in lighted areas. Another study by Graber (1968), along with anecdotal observations, suggest that bird species vary in their susceptibility to window collisions. Some species, such as the Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker, are more likely to be stunned or killed in window collisions than others, such as the Black-throated Green Warbler, who are presumably either less likely to suffer significant damage from collisions, better able to avoid collisions in the first place, or both.

The purpose of this study was to triangulate three different methods for measuring the daily flow of migrants through the Chicago region in springtime: Mist-net captures, nocturnal flight call recordings, and window collision rescues/collections. By seeing how these three methods complement, contradict and/or corroborate each other, we aimed to understand better the methodological advantages and limitations inherent in each censusing method, and gain a clearer picture of nightly songbird migrant flow through the Chicago region during the month of May.

Materials and Methods

We compared daily abundance data from all three census methods for each day during the month of May for the years 2006 and 2007. We excluded all non-migratory species, all non-passerines, and several species whose migration through the Chicago region is almost entirely completed before May. Specific sampling structures for the three techniques are described below.

Mist-netting: All mist-netting data for this study came from the Shaw Woods Avian Monitoring Project (SWAMP), a mist-netting station operated each day during May at the Skokie River Nature Preserve in Lake County, Illinois. The study site and methodology of SWAMP are described in Gordon et al. (2002), and Bueter et al. (2006). We used SWAMP mist–net capture data for the 2006 and 2007 seasons, during which 1614, and 2250 net x hours of mist-netting were conducted on 27, and 30 days, respectively.

Nocturnal Flight Call Recordings: Calls were recorded from a single location in north suburban Zion, IL, one block west of Sheridan Road, and roughly 2 km west of the Lake Michigan lakefront. The surrounding habitat is residential, with scattered large ornamental and remnant, native deciduous hardwoods. Recordings were made each night between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. from 30 April to 30 May 2006 and 2007, with an Audio-technica ATR20 (2006) or ATR30 (2007) microphone, mounted at the focal point of a 24-inch aluminum parabolic reflector. The whole assembly sat approximately 4m above ground, pointing approximately northeast at 30 degrees above the horizon. The microphone was hooked into a VIA AC'97 Audio sound card running in a PC with an AMD Athlon 1800™ processor. Using the program, Syrinx version 2.5q, sampling was performed at a rate of 22050 Hz, and a sonogram file was produced for any sound with a minimum trigger event duration of 10 ms, minimum sound duration of 30 ms, a maximum gap between trigger events of 100 ms, and a minimum intensity of 40% above ambient sound levels for the frequency range of 2000 to 3800 Hz, or 30% above ambient for the frequency range of 5500 to 12000 Hz. We excluded the 3800 to 5500 Hz frequency range because it was dominated by the calls of fall field crickets (Gryllus pennsylvanicus). The only songbird species that appear to be restricted to this range are Least Flycatcher (Empidonax minimus) and Eastern Phoebe (Sayornis phoebe) (Evans and O'Brien 2002). Both of these species are thought to call in nocturnal flight only rarely (Evans & O'Brien 2002).

The sonograms of all recorded flight calls were identified subsequently by Paul Sweet based on the duration, pitch, and modulation characters described in Evans and O'Brien (2002), and occasionally with the aid of listening directly to the recordings.

In this study, Ovenbird nocturnal flight calls could not be confidently identified, but mist-nets and window collisions recorded similar levels of abundance for this species. Emil Martinec took this photo of a migratory Ovenbird at Montrose Harbor, Cook County on 16 May 2006.

In this study, Wood Thrushes were recorded in roughly equal abundance in both mist-nets and window collisions, but thrushes in the genus, Catharus were recorded in much higher abundance with mist-nets than with window collisions. Photo courtesy of Dan Sudia, Florida Museum of Natural History.

Window Collisions:

We used window collision data for 2006 and 2007 for the month of May from Chicago Bird Collision Monitor and Rescue Project's (CBCMRP) main survey territory, located in downtown Chicago from 700 West to the lakefront East; and from 1000 North to 500 South. Through this program, volunteers patrol accessible areas of ground around buildings and other structures each day to rescue stunned birds and collect birds killed by colliding with windows. The majority (>90%) of active patrols were focused on buildings south of 500 North. Volunteers did not have consistent designated routes but were given maps that indicated the majority of main buildings within this geographic area that they could patrol as often as time, availability, and access allowed.

Birds were retrieved by volunteers with varying degrees of skill in the spotting of dead and injured birds, and the capture of injured birds. Additional birds were picked up by the public or building staff.

Teams of 2-12 volunteers went out every morning, searching on foot or surveying from cars or bicycles.

Typical daily patrols spanned from 4 a.m. (roughly one hour before sunrise) to 9:30 a.m. Patrols extended later into the day when there was elevated bird collision activity, sometimes until 1 p.m. A small number of additional birds were collected during other hours of the day and night when the public or volunteers in the downtown area reported and retrieved birds.

Results and Discussion

Abundance and Composition Patterns:

Our combined data set consisted of 1432 identified, and 2520 unidentified nocturnal flight calls, 3040 mist-net captures, and 1060 window collisions. Monthly totals are presented for each species, each year, and for each method in Table 1.

Nocturnal flight call recordings produced much higher abundance peaks in both years than did the other two methods we analyzed (Fig 1). The window-collision data was the flattest method, with mist-netting data showing abundance peaks of intermediate size. There are two principal factors that likely contribute to this variation in peak amplitude.

First, the nocturnal flight call data set has a greater spatiotemporal extent, and therefore samples more birds than do either of the other methods. Even though the microphone is located at a single point in

Table 1: Monthly totals of birds recorded by each method, for each species, in 2006 and 2007
Species that fall into a "black box" (calls are indistinguishable from another species with 95% certainty) in the "calls" data set are marked by "Amb." Non-migrants, non-passerines, and species whose migration through the Chicago region is almost completed before May are excluded.

SPECIES	2006 CALLS	2007 CALLS	2006 CAPTURES	2007 CAPTURES	2006 COLLISIONS	2007 COLLISIONS
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1	2		
Eastern Wood-Pewee			1	5		1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			21	30		2
Acadian Flycatcher						1
Alder Flycatcher		1	19	34		
"Traill's" Flycatcher			22	24	2	4
Least Flycatcher			3	7	1	3
Great Crested Flycatcher				1	1	
Eastern Kingbird		1		2		
White-eyed Vireo			1			
Yellow-throated Vireo						1
Blue-headed Vireo				1	2	1
Red-eyed Vireo	3		2	10	1	3
Purple Martin	12	5				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		4				
Tree Swallow	17	1				
Bank Swallow						
Cliff Swallow	2					
Barn Swallow	6	27				
House Wren			4	2	1	5
Sedge Wren						1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	2		2		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			21	170		1
Veery	Amb.	Amb.	33	69	7	7
Gray-cheeked Thrush	61	45	8	30	2	7
Swainson's thrush	Amb.	Amb.	64	242	5	12
Hermit Thrush	10	2	9	12	3	9
Wood Thrush	Amb.	Amb.	29	28	20	27
Gray Catbird			87	85	10	11
Brown Thrasher			2	1		5
American Pipit	19	18				
Cedar Waxwing	152	41		1	1	4
Blue-winged Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	2	5	1	
Golden-winged warbler	Amb.	Amb.	7	13	1	
hybrid Golden-Blue-Winged	Amb.	Amb.		1		
Tennessee Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	4	25	2	20
Orange-crowned Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	9	14		
Nashville Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	38	30	13	9
Northern Parula	Amb.	Amb.	1			1

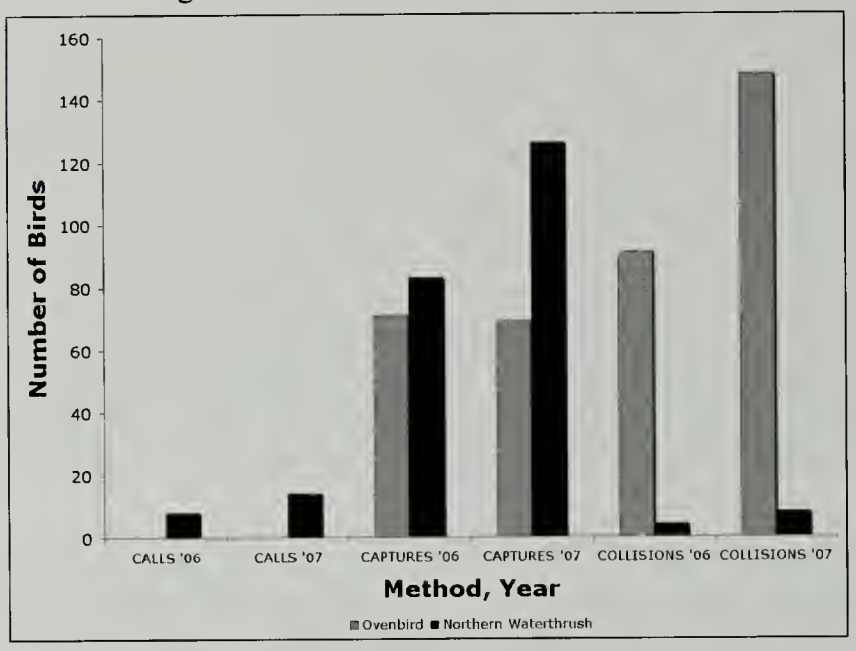
space, it records a river of birds migrating over that point all night long. Hence, the spatial extent of sampling may be regarded as a linear transect extending the length of an entire night's flight.

In contrast, mist-netting samples contain a snapshot of birds that either landed, or remained within the mist-netting area on a given day. Our window-collision data set also represents a similarly confined snapshot. Many of the buildings in the city of Chicago comply with Chicago National Audubon Society's Lights Out program. Prior to the full voluntary compliance with this program in 2003, hundreds of dead birds would be recovered by bird collision monitors before dawn from the bases of certain large buildings. Most of these birds had presumably been attracted into, and collided with illuminated buildings during their night flight. Due to the effectiveness of the Lights Out program, migrant mortality rates of birds collected by the CBCMRP have greatly decreased from 80% dead and 20% alive before 2003, to 40% dead and 60% live over the past few years. Furthermore, volunteers no longer tend to encounter large piles of dead birds below buildings on the first run of the morning. This suggests that most collisions occur after dawn, hence we conclude that the CBCMRP data set mostly samples the snapshot of migrating birds that have settled in the Chicago loop on a given day, rather than the entire river of migrants that has flown past during the previous night.

Table 1: continued

SPECIES	2006 CALLS	2007 CALLS	2006 CAPTURES	2007 CAPTURES	2006 COLLISIONS	2007 COLLISIONS
Yellow Warbler	Amb.	Amb.		1	2	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	19	14	12	32	2	13
Magnolia Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	97	267	15	29
Cape May Warbler	41	114		3	2	4
Black-throated Blue Warbler	6	6	4	8		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	4	49		
Black-throated Green Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	1	7	2	4
Blackburnian Warbler	16	11		2	5	8
Western Palm Warbler	46	77		8	1	2
Bay-breasted Warbler	27	27	3	7	2	6
Blackpoll Warbler	Amb.	Amb.		9		1
Cerulean Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	1			
Black-and-white Warbler	6	10	15	46	17	19
American Redstart	60	20	31	118		15
Worm-eating Warbler				1		
Ovenbird	Amb.	Amb.	71	69	91	148
Northern Waterthrush	8	14	83	126	4	8
Louisiana Waterthrush		1		1	1	
Kentucky Warbler			1			
Connecticut Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	4	6		2
Mourning Warbler	Amb.	Amb.	36	39	3	7
Common Yellowthroat	13	5	55	64	19	41
Hooded Warbler	1		4	3		
Wilson's Warbler	1	5	49	75		3
Canada Warbler	3	5	64	72	4	14
Yellow-breasted Chat				2		2
Summer Tanager				1		
Scarlet Tanager	56	53	4	3		5
Field Sparrow	Amb.	Amb.				5
Savannah Sparrow	31	59				1
Grasshopper Sparrow	4	3			1	
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	5					
Lincoln's Sparrow	Amb.	Amb.	13	21	6	19
Swamp Sparrow	Amb.	Amb.	15	32	11	21
White-throated Sparrow	14	30	53	64	78	132
White-crowned Sparrow	Amb.	Amb.	9	11	6	10
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Amb.	Amb.	3	11	4	14
Blue Grosbeak						1
Indigo Bunting	41	17	7	10	15	16
Dickcissel	7	2				
Bobolink	24	26			2	
Baltimore Oriole	12	12	1	7	1	6
Total:	**724**	**658**	**1026**	**2014**	**367**	**691**

Figure 1: Daily Totals Across Methods 2006-2007
Nocturnal flight call data include both identifiable and unidentifiable calls.



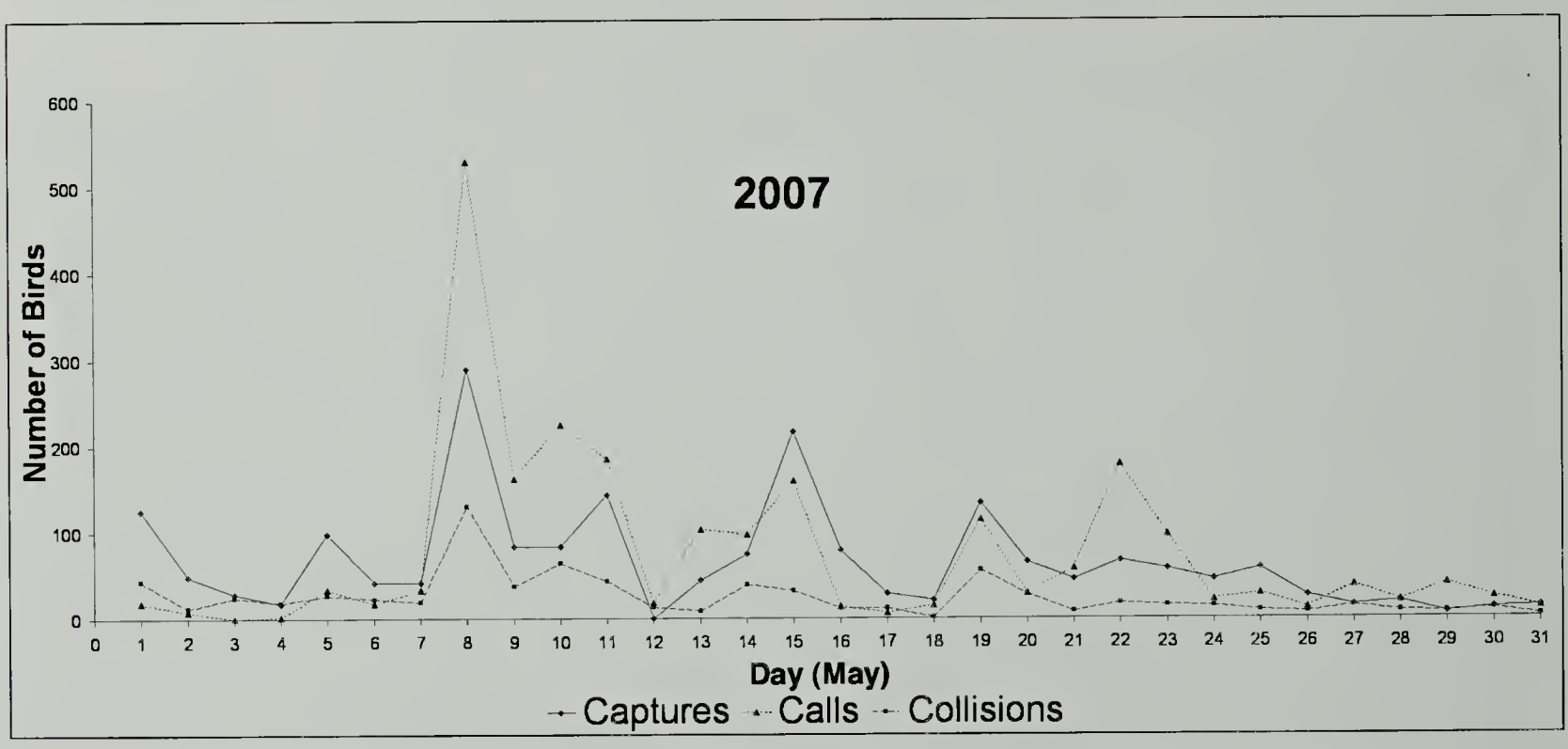


Figure 2: Totals for each thrush species for each method, each year.
Species-ambiguous nocturnal flight calls are excluded.

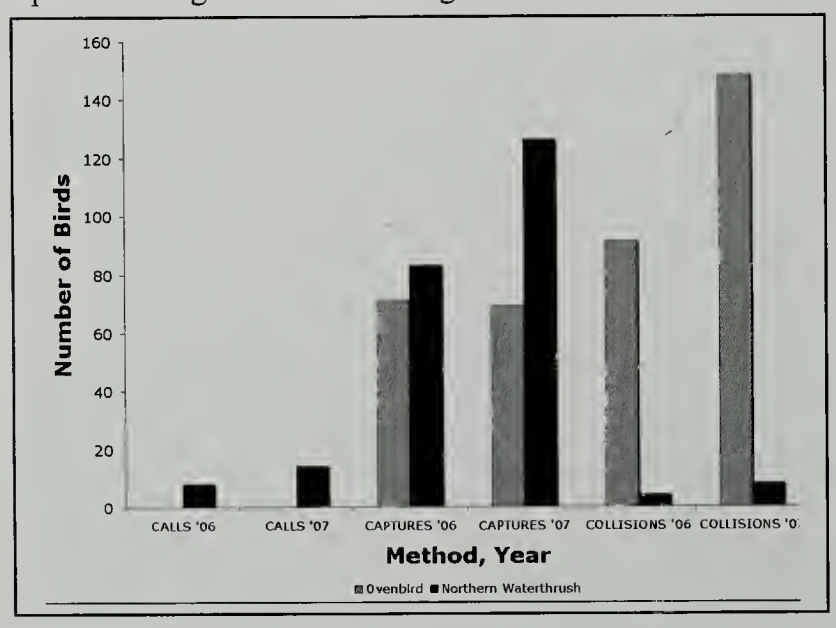
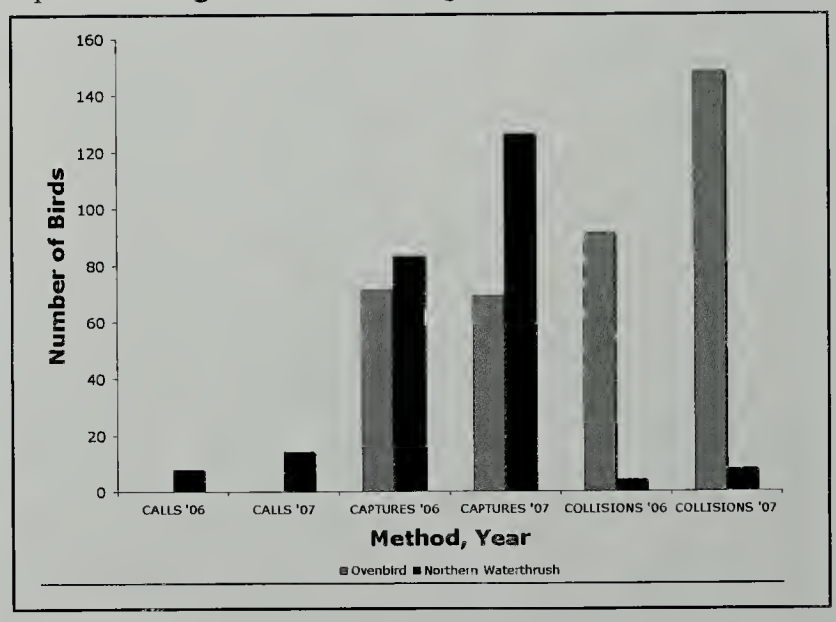


Figure 3: Totals for each Seiurus species for each method, each year.
Species-ambiguous nocturnal flight calls are excluded.



Another factor that may contribute to lower abundance peaks, particularly in the window-collision data set, is saturation. All three methods are potentially subject to methodological saturation: Flight call recordings if the gaps between calls are shorter than 100 milliseconds, mist-net samples if full nets deter new captures or if capture rates exceed processing capacity, forcing net closure. However, saturation appeared to be more of an issue with window collisions. Mist nets were never closed due to saturation during our study period, and capture rates rarely exceeded two or three birds per net x hour, hence birds were not likely to have been visually repelled by overly full nets. Experience and anecdotal observations suggest that window collision pickup rates may be more strongly affected by saturation. Birds killed or stunned by window collisions quickly fell prey to gulls, raccoons, crows, squirrels, city sweepers, or power washers if volunteers did not recover them soon after the collisions occurred.

The general correspondence of migratory peaks and troughs between methods (Figure 1), suggests overall spatial homogeneity in the density of migrants across the Chicagoland region on any given day. Our nocturnal flight call recordings and mist-net data were collected 40, and 30 miles north of downtown Chicago, respectively, whereas the window collision data are from the downtown Chicago loop. If migrant density were highly patchy at this spatial scale, we would expect to see more disagreement between the migrant abundance peaks recorded in these different localities.

The disagreements in abundance peaks that we did observe (Fig. 1) can mostly be explained as the result of compositional biases across methods. For example, on 21 May 2006, and 15 May 2007, large numbers of Swainson's Thrushes and warblers caused large abundance peaks in the nocturnal flight call and mist-net data sets (Fig. 1). The lack of peaks in the window collision data set on these days may have resulted from the simple fact that most of the species that came through in big numbers on these days don't tend to hit windows frequently (Table 2). Similarly, large peaks on 25 May 2006 and 19 May 2007 are most pronounced in the mist-net data set, because mist-netting is the only method of these three that effectively samples the Empidonax flycatchers that were present in large numbers on these days.

Our comparisons revealed a strange pattern of methodological bias with respect to thrushes (Fig. 2). Wood Thrushes were recorded in roughly equal abundance in both mist-nets and window collisions, but thrushes in the genus, Catharus (Swainson's, Gray-cheeked, Hermit, and Veery) were recorded in much higher abundance with mist-nets than with window collisions. Do Catharus thrushes avoid windows? If so, why don't Wood Thrushes? This raises questions about the behavior and habitat selection of migrating thrushes that would be profitable subjects for future study. Nocturnal flight calls of thrushes could potentially shed light on this, as all species give diagnostic calls (Evans and O'Brien 2002). However, our 95% confidence standard allowed us to identify thrush nocturnal flight calls to the species level only for Gray-cheeked and Hermit Thrushes.

We found another curious compositional discrepancy across methods with warblers in the genus, Seiurus (Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush, (Fig. 3). Ovenbird nocturnal flight calls could not be confidently identified, but mist-nets and window collisions recorded similar levels of abundance for this species. In contrast, mist-nets recorded much higher abundances of Northern Waterthrushes than did either of the other methods. Once again, we can only speculate on what caused this pattern. Could Northern Waterthrushes be much better at avoiding window collisions than are Ovenbirds? Might Northern Waterthrushes congregate at the SWAMP study site through the poorly understood, yet presumably highly constrained process of en route habitat selection?

Compositional Complementarity:

To better understand the compositional complementary nature among our three migrant songbird censusing methods, we constructed lists of species over- and under-represented by each method (Table 2). We classified a species as over-represented by a particular method if there were at least three times as many individuals of that species recorded by that method as there were for any of the other two methods in both years (i.e. this difference was observed in each year). We classified a species as under-represented by a particular method if there were fewer than 10 total individuals of that species recorded by that method, excluding species with fewer than 10 records for all methods and years combined.

These comparisons revealed that mist-net and nocturnal flight call data sets were highly complementary in their coverage of species, and that the window collision data set did not provide a significant amount of abundance information for any species not already covered by one of the other two methods (Table 2).

Mist-nets underperformed relative to other methods for 15 species (Table 2). These included open-country species such as swallows, Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, and American Pipit, as well as a variety of canopy-dwelling species such as Scarlet Tanager and several species of warbler. Mist-nets out-performed other methods for 14 species (Table 2). These were mostly terrestrial and understory species typical of a variety of shrubland and forest habitats, including various thrushes, warblers, and flycatchers in the genus, Empidonax.

Table 2: Species that were overrepresented or underrepresented by each method (see text).

	OVERREPRESENTED	UNDERREPRESENTED	
NOCTURNAL FLIGHT CALLS	Purple Martin Barn Swallow American Pipit Cedar Waxwing Cape May Warbler Western Palm Warbler Bay-breasted Warbler Scarlet Tanager Savannah Sparrow Grasshopper Sparrow Bobolink	Alder Flycatcher "Traill's" Flycatcher Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Least Flycatcher Red-eyed Vireo House Wren Ruby-crowned Kinglet Gray Catbird Veery Swainson's Thrush Wood Thrush Blue-winged Warbler Golden-winged Warbler Tennessee Warbler Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Magnolia Warbler Blackpoll Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler	Black-throated Green Warbler Ovenbird Connecticut Warbler Mourning Warbler Wilson's Warbler Canada Warbler Lincoln's Sparrow Swamp Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Rose-breasted Grosbeak
MIST-NET CAPTURES	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Alder Flycatcher "Traill's" Flycatcher Ruby-crowned Kinglet Swainson's Thrush Gray Catbird Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Magnolia Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Northern Waterthrush Connecticut Warbler Mourning Warbler Wilson's Warbler Canada Warbler	Purple Martin Tree Swallow Barn Swallow House Wren American Pipit Cedar Waxwing Blue-winged Warbler Cape May Warbler Black-throated Grn Warbler Blackburnian Warbler Western Palm Warbler Scarlet Tanager Savannah Sparrow Bobolink Baltimore Oriole	
WINDOW COLLISIONS		Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Alder Flycatcher "Traill's" Flycatcher Least Flycatcher Red-eyed Vireo Purple Martin Tree Swallow Barn Swallow House Wren Ruby-crowned Kinglet Gray-cheeked Thrush American Pipit Cedar Waxwing Blue-winged Warbler	Golden-winged Warbler Orange-crowned Warbler Black-throated Blue Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler Western Palm Warbler Bay-breasted Warbler Connecticut Warbler Scarlet Tanager Savannah Sparrow Bobolink Baltimore Oriole

Nocturnal flight call recordings underperformed other methods for 28 species (Table 2). For 19 of these species, this was due to ambiguity in identifying the nocturnal flight calls (Table 1). The remaining 9 species, including a variety of flycatchers plus kinglets, vireos, and catbirds, were under-sampled by this method primarily because they are not known to vocalize during their nocturnal migratory flights. Nocturnal flight calls outperformed the other two census methods for 11 species (Table 2). These included open-country species such as Bobolink and Savannah and Grasshopper Sparrows, as well as several forest canopy-dwelling species such as Scarlet Tanager and several species of warbler. Species overrepresented in our nocturnal flight call data set also paradoxically included several species whose migration is primarily diurnal, and whose vocalizations we recorded primarily between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Summary:

What's the best method for censusing migrants?

Our methodological comparisons suggest that a combination of mist-netting and nocturnal flight call recording would render the most complete and informative overall picture of migratory songbird abundance, especially if combined with additional methods including analysis of weather radar images and standardized day-time bird observations.

Mist-net data are subject to well-known methodological biases. However, for many shrubland and woodland understory species, mist-net samples are a uniquely valuable censusing method.

The utility of nocturnal flight call recordings as a migrant songbird censusing technique is significantly limited by identification constraints. Nonetheless, nocturnal flight calls provide an essential complement to mist-net data, particularly for species of open country or forest canopies whose flight calls are species-diagnostic. Moreover, data on unidentifiable nocturnal flight calls add additional information on the overall abundance of migrating birds.

Window collision data sets do not add the capacity to effectively census any additional species not already covered by the former methods. Nonetheless, window collision data may be a valuable source of monitoring data, revealing possible sampling biases in other census methods, and possibly adding power to monitor other migrant species not considered in this study, such as American Woodcock.

Two additional methods warrant mention for their potential to complement the migrant censusing methods we analyzed: Radar images of nocturnal migrants and standardized daytime observations. Radar images cannot normally reveal the species identity of migrating birds, but they can be used to study overall densities of migrating birds over large spans of time and space (Gauthreaux Jr. et al. 2005). As such, they have tremendous value as a way to analyze overall migrant flow over large areas, and the migration behavior of birds in relation to weather patterns.

Counts based on daytime acoustical/visual observations of birds by experienced observers can provide an important complement to mist-netting and nocturnal flight call recording as a species-specific migrant songbird censusing tool. Many of the species missed by the latter methods are easily observable and countable, particularly species of the canopy or open country habitat that are either silent, or give unidentifiable calls while migrating at night, such as many species of warblers and vireos. In order to serve as an effective monitoring instrument, such observations would have to be conducted by experienced observers, and be highly standardized in terms of time, space, and sampling effort.

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Summer Tanager visits jelly feeder in DuPage County

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On 2007 May 24, while gardening my Woodridge yard in DuPage County, I was serenaded by the melodious song of a Summer Tanager throughout the day. Occasionally I would catch glimpses of the bird, which appeared to be a first-year male, foraging among branches on our white oaks. I hoped he was feasting on the ample crop of 17-year cicadas we were hosting. Knowing the bird was mainly an insectivore, but unsure of the tanager's specific diet, I consulted Kaufman's Lives of North American Birds, and sure enough, cicadas were on the menu! Beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers, and the Summer Tanager's favorites – bees and wasps – completed the insect foods. Also, small fruits and berries could be taken on occasion.

The next morning, as I had done for most of the month, I set out orange slices and a shallow dish of grape jelly on our platform feeder, hoping to attract Baltimore Orioles. We've had orioles visit the yard every spring, although never have they visited the oranges or jelly. However, hope springs eternal, so I continued feeding. Imagine my surprise when I observed what appeared to be a very large House Finch at the grape jelly. Anyway, that was the first thought that crossed my mind, since I certainly wasn't expecting the Summer Tanager on the feeder. But, indeed, the young male was feasting on grape jelly.

Summer Tanager visits jelly feeder in Woodridge yard, DuPage County late May 2007. Photo by Jeff Chapman

For the next three days, the Summer Tanager was on the platform enjoying the grape jelly. Generally, he would visit every half hour or so. During this time, the weather was warm and clear. The last visit was on the evening of 27 May. The next morning, we were disappointed that he was gone. I wished him a safe journey and hoped the jelly provided energy to help him on his way.

Curious as to whether this feeding was a rare occurrence, I searched the Web for references of tanagers at jelly feeders. I found several incidents: Summer Tanagers in Wisconsin 20-22 May 2005 (birdforum.net) and in Maine 26 May 2005 (BirdEast Hotline). Scarlet Tanagers were at jelly feeders in Minnesota on 26 May 2004 (moumn.org) and 12 May 2007 (NewsHopper Publications) and in Wisconsin on 28 May 2004 (BirdChat). On a more exotic note, a Western Tanager visited a jelly feeder in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on 12 May 2006, as reported by Bonnie DeLare of the MN DNR. So it does appear that tanagers in general will take jelly from feeders, at least during spring migration.

This spring, I'm going to put out several dishes of grape jelly!

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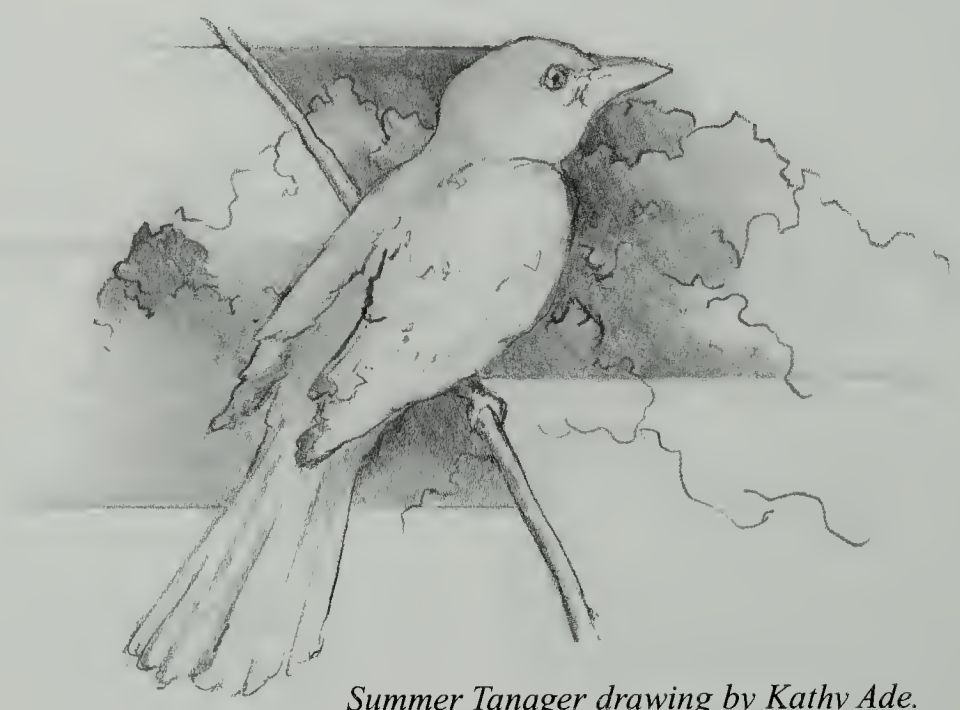

Summer Tanager drawing by Kathy Ade.

The 2007 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

by Vernon M. Kleen

For the first time in Illinois spring bird count history, a Townsend's Warbler was reported. Photo taken at LaBaugh Woods, Evanston, Cook County on 6 May 2007 by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Introduction

The 36th running of Illinois' annual Spring Bird Count, first run in 1972, was completed on Saturday, 5 May 2007. It was a great day for birds, birders and birding. The weather was mild and the birds, at least the edge and woodland species, such as the warblers, vireos, buntings, grosbeaks and sparrows, were so plentiful that several new records were established for the number of counties reporting them. Karen Forcum (Shelby County) reports that "2007 was our best year ever – a perfect day including a fall-out; warblers were low and singing." Although there were good numbers of non-woodland species as well, those numbers failed to reach record status and, as such, leave the impression that birders stopped counting after birding the morning woods. There wasn't a single new shorebird record (does that mean low numbers were present on count day?). Despite the large quantity of birds and fairly large number of birders, the traditionally high species counts for Lake and Cook counties (both of which have exceeded 200 species in the past) were 20 – 30 species under 200 this year. However, the Townsend's Warbler in Cook County (a first for the count) added excitement. The Golden Eagle (in Montgomery County) was another first for the count. The Black-throated Gray Warbler (in Douglas County) is the second count occurrence for this species, the first was in Cook County in 1984. And, we welcomed back the Gray Partridge (two counties) after a two-year hiatus as well as the Bewick's Wren. Central Illinois birders were somewhat plagued by biting insects locally called "buffalo gnats" – as a result, some observers specifically mentioned that they spent more time birding by car than they did walking.

Once again, with the help of Mike Ward and the Illinois Natural History Survey, we fully anticipated participation in all 102 counties this year – compilers and observers were confirmed. Unfortunately, as last year, we ended up two counties short. We appreciate the support and assistance of those individuals (often serving as the sole participant) who helped achieve this goal – especially those who traveled quite some distance. This year the nine counties represented by a single observer reported from 55 to 160 species; their average was 106 species.

Results and Discussion

Count day began with early morning temperatures in the low to mid 50s in the northwest and the upper 50s to low 60s in the south. Temperatures peaked in the mid to upper 60s and low 70s in the north to the upper 70s and low 80s in the south. Winds were mostly light (less than 10 mph with occasional gusts up to 25-30 mph) and highly variable (but nearly half the reports indicating they were from the east or southeast). The morning sky was mostly cloudy to overcast (73 counties); however, by afternoon the sky had changed to partly cloudy to clear. An early to mid-morning fog was reported from 29 mid-state counties. Fourteen counties, in the northeast and extreme southeast, reported a trace of rain during the early morning hours; however, it did not interfere with the birding.

TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2007	2006	2005	Highest Total
Number of Species	267	261	266	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	562,396	534,609	554,507	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	100	100	94	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1426	1356	1422	1611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2285	2335	2176	2628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	23,739	21,248	22,442	23,942 (2001)
Total Number of Party Miles	26,024	23,583	24,618	26,401 (2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	3196	3068	2960	3457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1957	1821	1910	2140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	5153	4889	4870	5565 (1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	60	51	32	60 (2007)
No. of Counties with 100 or more species	85	80	72	85 (2007)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	22	17	20	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	177	186	191	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating County	126	120	121	126 (2007)
Average # of species for all 102 counties	124	117	112	124 (2007)

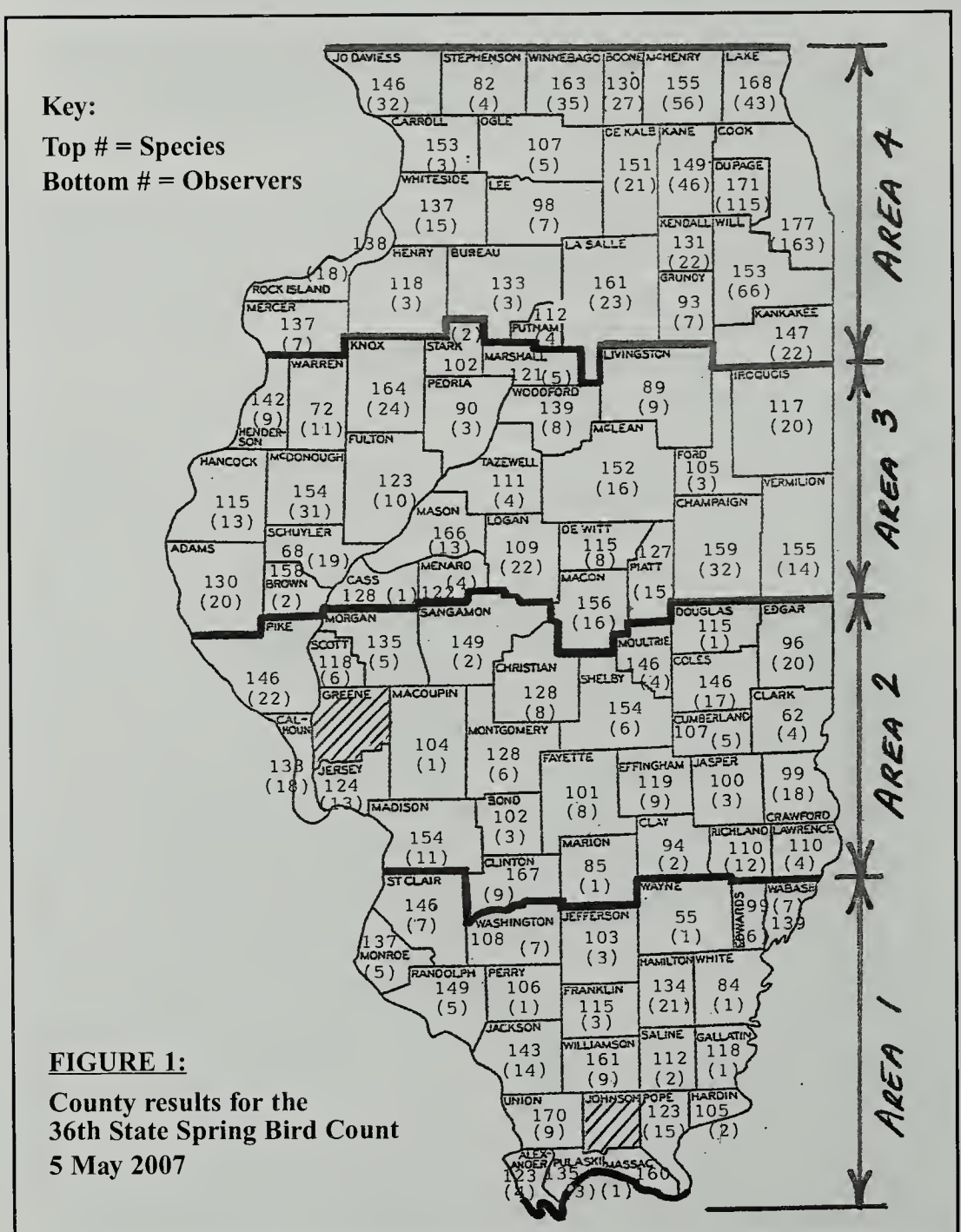

FIGURE 1:

County results for the 36th State Spring Bird Count 5 May 2007

Counters in Clinton, DeKalb and Massac counties began at midnight; counting had begun by 3 a.m. in 12 more counties and by 5 a.m. in another 47. Overall, 64 counties recorded at least some pre-dawn owling hours (before 5:30 a.m.). Of the remaining 36 counties, most began at dawn or shortly thereafter; only 13 began as late as 6 a.m. or later and the latest starting time was 7:30 a.m. At least 28 counties recorded owling hours after dusk with 12 continuing as late as 10 p.m. and one until midnight. The final tally of statewide owling time was 160 hours.

As usual, **Figure 1** is a visual reference to how well we did. The larger number in each county is the number of species reported in the county; the smaller number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers (note Greene County in particular) and fewer than 100 species.

Table 1 compares the overall Count results with those of the past two years and the record year. This year was a record-setting year in 4 of the 16 listed categories. This year also marks the first time that 60 species were recorded in 90 or more counties and the first time 85 participating counties recorded 100 or more species. The other two records established new high averages for the number of species per county. The 2007 mark of 267 species was only two short of the 1996 record; however, this year's tally could have been 272 (or higher) had appropriate documentations been received for five submitted species and if some of the rarer, but known to be present, species had been found. With the great influx of songbirds this year, the total number of birds recorded was only 31,000 short of the 1996 record. The number of participants rebounded to what it was two years ago, and 70 more than last

year. The total number of party miles (heavy on the driving side) was very close to the 2001 record. And, the records show that there's been a steady gain in the number of party hours walked the last couple of years (which may be the result of two good-weather years).

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County retained the premier position with a "mere" 177 species (which is 9 fewer than last year and 14 fewer than 2005); the Townsend's Warbler and Le Conte's Sparrow were the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which usually challenges Cook, ended up with only 168 species, way low for this traditionally high-count county; the two Lake County-only species were the Greater Scaup and Brewer's Blackbird. In the other AREA 4 counties, DuPage was second with 171 species and was followed with 150 or more species by six other counties. Clinton County led the AREA 2 & 3 counties with 167 species; Mason was a very close second with 166; there were nine more central counties achieving 150 or more species. Union County led the AREA 1 counties with 170 species (and could have been 172 if two requested documentation forms had been provided); it was followed by two more with 150 or more species. Massac County's impressive tally of 160 species was achieved by a single observer. For the record, another 11 counties provided a confirmed list of 140 to 149 species. The record species count for a single county remains at 205 (set in 1983).

TABLE 2:
Counties with 150 or more species

Northern Counties (Area 4)	
Cook	177
DuPage	171
Lake	168
Winnebago	163
La Salle	161
McHenry	155
Carroll	153
Will	153
DeKalb	151
Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)	
Clinton	167
Mason	166
Knox	164
Champaign	159
Brown	158
Macon	156
Vermilion	155
Madison	154
McDonough	154
Shelby	154
McLean	152
Southern Counties (Area 1)	
Union	170
Williamson	161
Massac	160

Notes:
Other counties with 140-149 species

Coles	146
Henderson	142
Jackson	143
Jo Daviess	146
Kane	149
Kankakee	147
Moultrie	146
Pike	146
Randolph	149
St. Clair	146
Sangamon	149

Table 3 identifies, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants. The list this year contains 22 counties; Cook and DuPage continue to field 100 or more participants. After the two high counts the number of participants in each county declines sharply.

TABLE 3:
Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	163	Knox	24
DuPage	115	La Salle	23
Will	66	Kankakee	22
McHenry	56	Kendall	22
Kane	46	Logan	22
Lake	43	Pike	22
Winnebago	35	DeKalb	21
Champaign	32	Hamilton	21
Jo Daviess	32	Adams	20
McDonough	31	Edgar	20
Boone	30	Iroquois	20

Table 4 provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state—identified in Figure 1 as AREAS 1 through 4 (south to north). In 2007, the average number of party hours per county was 51.5 (up from the 48.9 of 2006 but similar to the 51.8 of 2005).

Table 5 identifies the 60 species reported from 90 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 18 (30%) of these were reported from all 100 counties; another 9 (15%) were reported from all but one county. As has become typical, some species such as the Mallard, American Kestrel, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, White-throated Sparrow and House Finch escape detection in some of the counties. This year the missing list even includes the American Goldfinch and House Sparrow.

Table 6 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The Red-winged Blackbird retained its top position and the next nine continue to be much the same year after year. However, the grackle and starling moved back into second and third place, respectively, and the robin returned to the fourth position. The Canada Goose is now entrenched in the fifth position despite its "decline" of more than a 1000 birds this year. The House Sparrow, which is often reported in numbers similar to those of the Canada Goose on the

TABLE 4 – Area Coverage

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	22 (96%)	613	27.9
2	28	27 (96%)	967	35.8
3	27	27 (100%)	1182	43.8
4	24	24 (100%)	2391	99.6
TOTAL	**102**	**100 (98%)**	**5153**	**51.5**

Spring Bird Count, took a major hit this year (2500 fewer birds); that dropped it to the eighth position. A first-time presence in the top ten was achieved by the Brown-headed Cowbird as a result of the record number reported for this species; it jumped all the way up to the sixth position. Even the American Goldfinch moved ahead of the House Sparrow this year. The Ring-billed Gull, in ninth position, is down about 800 birds and the Northern Cardinal, in tenth position showed a gain of about 500 birds. The lower 10 of the top 20 continues to show considerable variation. The two species on last year's list that did not make it this year are the Mallard and Song Sparrow (and both would have made the list if it was the top 22 species). The 2007 additions are the Blue Jay (missing only last year) and White-crowned Sparrow – on the list for only the second time. For those who keep track, the American Crow ranked 25th this year (and missed the list for the fourth consecutive year). The cormorant, which ranked high for several years, achieved the 23rd position. During the Count's 36-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top 20 list. Eight species have made the list only one time.

TABLE 5: Species Reported from 90 (90%) or more Counties in 2007

Canada Goose	100	Blue Jay	100	Yellow-rumped Warbler	97
Wood Duck	94	American Crow	100	Palm Warbler	91
Mallard	97	Horned Lark	91	Common Yellowthroat	100
Great Blue Heron	100	Purple Martin	90	Eastern Towhee	95
Turkey Vulture	99	Tree Swallow	96	Chipping Sparrow	99
Red-tailed Hawk	99	No. Rough-w Swallow	91	Field Sparrow	96
American Kestrel	92	Barn Swallow	100	Song Sparrow	98
Killdeer	100	Tufted Titmouse	97	White-throated Sparrow	95
Rock Pigeon	94	White-breasted Nuthatch	97	White-crowned Sparrow	99
Mourning Dove	100	Carolina Wren	94	Northern Cardinal	100
Chimney Swift	94	House Wren	94	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	98
Red-headed Woodpecker	96	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	93	Indigo Bunting	97
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	Eastern Bluebird	98	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Downy Woodpecker	100	Swainson's Thrush	93	Eastern Meadowlark	99
Northern Flicker	97	Wood Thrush	91	Common Grackle	100
Eastern Phoebe	98	American Robin	100	Brown-headed Cowbird	100
Great Crested Flycatcher	93	Gray Catbird	100	Baltimore Oriole	99
Eastern Kingbird	100	Brown Thrasher	99	House Finch	95
Warbling Vireo	91	European Starling	100	American Goldfinch	99
Red-eyed Vireo	92	Yellow Warbler	91	House Sparrow	99

TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species

Species	2007	2006	2005	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	63,961	56,778	65,410	69,971 (1996)	36
Common Grackle	44,408	33,258	38,907	59,264 (1974)	36
European Starling	29,997	30,992	37,585	37,736 (1992)	36
American Robin	28,606	33,785	34261	35,720 (1995)	36
Canada Goose	18,831	19,988	19,990	19,990 (2005)	22
Brown-headed Cowbird	15,727	10,487	11,132	15,727 (2007)	36
American Goldfinch	15,628	15,539	14,294	18,240 (2002)	35
House Sparrow	14,081	16,580	18,363	32,120 (2002)	36
Ring-billed Gull	13,618	16,401	17,964	29,243 (1994)	23
Northern Cardinal	12,373	11,865	11,864	13,895 (2002)	36
Mourning Dove	11,949	12,299	12,589	12,589 (2005)	36
White-throated Sparrow	10,649	6,959	6,952	12,767 (1996)	16
Barn Swallow	10,177	9,976	8,633	27,532 (1999)	35
Tree Swallow	9,698	11,854	7,449	24,573 (1989)	22
Indigo Bunting	9,327	6,431	4,400*	9,327 (2007)	17
White-crowned Sparrow	9,309	2,888*	8,897	9,309 (2007)	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7,576	7,245	8,102	17,978 (1997)	24
American Coot	7,549	8,041	2,621*	11,153 (1996)	8
Blue Jay	7,068	5,733*	7,437	13,446 (1984)	35
Chipping Sparrow	6,762	6,160	7,407	7,407 (2005)	5

New Records in **Bold Face**. * = Not in "Top 20" this year.

Table 7 provides the maximum species details for the number of counties reporting the species; the total number of birds of each species reported; and the highest number of each species recorded in a single county (including the county in which that number was recorded.) Some of the notable single-county records were the two new count species: Townsend's Warbler and Golden Eagle as well as Western Grebe, Purple Gallinule, Least Tern, Bewick's Wren, Black-throated Gray Warbler, and Lapland Longspur. Some of the better records for the 10 species reported from only two counties were Gray Partridge and Smith's Longspurs. Also included in the Table (at the end) are those species that are not officially countable in Illinois and treated as exotics; this year this list is limited to just the Ringed Turtle-Dove. As for the European Goldfinches of the past three years, if they were present this year, they did not get reported.

New Records. Table 7 also identifies all new and tied count records for each species. As expected, new records are more difficult to achieve each year and when achieved, they most often surpass the previous record by only a small margin. The 78 new records (the largest number in several years) have been identified by an asterisk (*) in the Table; the 28 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. Had there been participants in all 102 counties the number of new

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2007 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:

* New Spring Bird Count High Total
# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total
New species to Count in BOLD FACE CAPS
Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Total No. of Birds	High County	High (Total)
Grtr White-fronted Goose	1	1	DeWitt	(1)
Snow Goose	13*	122*	Henderson	*(75)
Ross's Goose	1	2#	La Salle	*(2)
Canada Goose	100#	18831	Cook	(2021)
Mute Swan	26*	202	Tazewell	(88)
Trumpeter Swan	3#	9*	McHenry	*(5)
Wood Duck	94	2367	Cook	(185)
Gadwall	28	294	Macon	(50)
American Wigeon	6	12	Henderson	(5)
American Black Duck	3	3	3 counties	(1)
Mallard	97*	6285	Cook	(1030)
Blue-winged Teal	79	1891	Knox	(127)
Northern Shoveler	41	453	Brown	(86)
Northern Pintail	3	8	Jersey	(6)
Green-winged Teal	21	76	Macon	(12)
Canvasback	6#	32*	Pike	*(19)
Redhead	4	9	Cook	(5)
Ring-necked Duck	25*	63	2 counties	(8)
Greater Scaup	1	6	Lake	(6)
Lesser Scaup	26	157	Jo Daviess	(35)
Surf Scoter	2#	2	2 counties	(1)
Bufflehead	6	28	Lake	(15)
Hooded Merganser	34	86	Union	(9)
Common Merganser	4	5	McHenry	(2)
Red-breasted Merganser	10	115	Lake	(86)
Ruddy Duck	28	219	Carroll	(33)
Gray Partridge	2	8	Boone	(6)
Ring-necked Pheasant	57	926	Will	(54)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	25	Marion	(15)
Wild Turkey	86	1183	Boone	(83)
Northern Bobwhite	75	873	McDonough	(50)
Common Loon	18	43	Franklin	(7)
Pied-billed Grebe	59	316	Macon	(36)
Horned Grebe	4	6	2 counties	(2)
Western Grebe	1#	1#	Clinton	#(1)
American White Pelican	21*	1624*	Hancoek	(384)
Double-crest Cormorant	61	5821	Lake	(1427)
American Bittern	23	41	2 counties	(4)
Least Bittern	7	13	Massac	#(5)
Great Blue Heron	100#	4446	Lake	(372)
Great Egret	66*	1852	Calhoun	(302)
Snowy Egret	8	67	Madison	(20)
Little Blue Heron	16	125	St. Clair	(40)
Cattle Egret	13	157	St. Clair	(58)
Green Heron	87*	518	Cook	(40)
Black-crown Night-Heron	16	112	Cook	(46)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	6	30	Madison	(14)
Black Vulture	8	66	Union	(22)
Turkey Vulture	100	4354*	Pike	*(231)
Osprey	21	32	Cook	(4)
Mississippi Kite	10	48	Jackson	(18)
Bald Eagle	46*	164	Jo Daviess	(17)
Northern Harrier	46*	69	Jo Daviess	(7)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	28	48	DuPage	(6)
Cooper's Hawk	61*	303*	Cook	*(43)
Red-shouldered Hawk	32	94	Union	(12)
Broad-winged Hawk	31	95	DuPage	(11)
Red-tailed Hawk	99	1613	DuPage	(87)
GOLDEN EAGLE	1*	1*	Montgomery	*(1)
American Kestrel	92	485	Cook	(23)
Merlin	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Peregrine Falcon	8	10	2 counties	(2)
Yellow Rail	1	2	Morgan	(2)
Black Rail	1	1	Mercer	(1)
King Rail	5	5	5 counties	(1)
Virginia Rail	21	75	Lake	(15)
Sora	61*	606	Lake	(60)
Purple Gallinule	1#	1#	Massac	#(1)
Common Moorhen	5	8	Macon	(3)
American Coot	81	7549	Macon	(602)
Sandhill Crane	17*	175	McHenry	(56)
Black-bellied Plover	2	6	Carroll	(5)
American Golden-Plover	16	1714	McLean	(1100)
Semipalmated Plover	20	121	Clinton	(32)
Killdeer	100	3841	Will	(209)
Black-necked Stilt	3	5	2 counties	(2)
American Avocet	3	4	Brown	(2)
Spotted Sandpiper	81	891	Cook	(66)
Solitary Sandpiper	83	816	DeKalb	(53)
Greater Yellowlegs	50	301	Lawrence	(52)
Willet	5	12	Mason	(5)
Lesser Yellowlegs	70	916	Union	(16)
Upland Sandpiper	13	30	Will	(9)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	14	120	DuPage	(45)
Least Sandpiper	54	808	DeKalb	(73)
White-rumped Sandpiper	2	6	Clinton	(5)
Baird's Sandpiper	2	8	Coles	(7)
Pectoral Sandpiper	44	525	Will	(80)
Dunlin	13	65	Clinton	(31)
Stilt Sandpiper	1	1	Union	(1)
Short-billed Dowitcher	10	56	Lake	(32)
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	1	Boone	(1)
Wilson's Snipe	39	178	Cook	(18)
American Woodcock	31	134	Carroll	(17)
Wilson's Phalarope	3	4	McLean	(2)
Franklin's Gull	1	1	Randolph	(1)
Bonaparte's Gull	13	340	Lake	(244)
Ring-billed Gull	54	13618	Lake	(5553)
Herring Gull	16	3813	Lake	(3672)
Least Tern	1#	1	Randolph	(1)

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2007 Spring Bird Count (continued)

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Total No. of Birds	High County	High (Total)
Caspian Tern	17	668	Lake	(430)
Black Tern	4	16	Veremilion	(11)
Common Tern	12	1229	Lake	(1102)
Forster's Tern	23	259	Lake	(106)
Rock Pigeon	94	3919	Cook	(443)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	54*	250*	Effingham	(27)
Mourning Dove	100	11949	Will	(453)
Monk Parakeet	2	40	Cook	30)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	50	175	Union	(17)
Black-billed Cuckoo	8	9	DuPage	(2)
Barn Owl	3	3	3 counties	(1)
Eastern Screech-Owl	34	84	DeKalb	(13)
Great Horned Owl	61	200	2 counties	(12)
Barred Owl	80	468	Union	(46)
Common Nighthawk	51	271	Knox	(22)
Chuck-will's-widow	13	36	Williamson	(14)
Whip-poor-will	51	295	Mason	(36)
Chimney Swift	94	5160	Kane	(366)
Ruby-thrtd Hummingbird	86	1435*	Union	*(312)
Belted Kingfisher	78	428	Winnebago	#(44)
Red-headed Woodpecker	96	1574	Mercer	(165)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	3174	DuPage	(193)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	29	95	Jo Daviess	(25)
Downy Woodpecker	100	2176	Cook	(170)
Hairy Woodpecker	81	492	DuPage	(51)
Northern Flicker	97	1994	Cook	(166)
Pileated Woodpecker	66*	341	Union	(47)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	18#	24	Menard	(4)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	86	834	Union	(87)
Acadian Flycatcher	33	229	Union	(69)
Alder Flycatcher	2	2	2 counties	(2)
Willow Flycatcher	20	33	Cook	(4)
Least Flycatcher	66	361	Vermilion	(32)
Eastern Phoebe	98#	1653	McDonough	(73)
Great Crested Flycatcher	93#	1508	Union	(89)
Western Kingbird	2#	5	Madison	(4)
Eastern Kingbird	100	2677	McDonough	(117)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	Alexander	(1)
Loggerhead Shrike	15	30	Clinton	(6)
White-eyed Vireo	67*	1119*	Union	(238)
Bell's Vireo	23	94	2 counties	(12)
Yellow-throated Vireo	75#	524	Union	(45)
Blue-headed Vireo	58*	245	Champaign	(30)
Warbling Vireo	91*	1957	DuPage	(115)
Philadelphia Vireo	32	75	2 counties	(7)
Red-eyed Vireo	92*	1153	Union	(114)
Blue Jay	100	7068	Cook	(336)
American Crow	100	5282	Jo Daviess	(196)
Fish Crow	14	98	Jackson	(21)
Horned Lark	91	1938	Effingham	(95)
Purple Martin	90	3817	Calhoun	(457)
Tree Swallow	96*	9698	DuPage	(841)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	91#	3764	Cook	(391)
Bank Swallow	60	2882	Randolph	(403)
Cliff Swallow	69	4363	Pope	(327)
Barn Swallow	100	10177	Cook	(898)
Carolina Chickadee	39	816	Union	(73)
Black-capped Chickadee	62	2493	DuPage	(217)
Tufted Titmouse	97	2231	Union	(161)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9	17	McHenry	(4)
White-breasted Nuthatch	97	1833	DuPage	(82)
Brown Creeper	24	92	Cook	(23)
Carolina Wren	94*	1322	Union	(125)
Bewick's Wren	1	1	Alexander	(1)
House Wren	94	4891	Winnebago	(259)
Winter Wren	6	13	Lake	(5)
Sedge Wren	41*	207	Winnebago	(25)
Marsh Wren	34	252	DuPage	(50)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	8	Lake	(4)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	72	1549	Cook	(406)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	93#	3906*	Cook	(399)
Eastern Bluebird	98	2584	Jo Daviess	(175)
Veery	67	360	Cook	(41)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	66	298	Vermilion	(26)
Swainson's Thrush	93*	1423	Champaign	(108)
Hermit Thrush	46*	224	Cook	(41)
Wood Thrush	91	1292	Union	(91)
American Robin	100	28606	Cook	(2567)
Gray Catbird	100	3699	Cook	(227)
Northern Mockingbird	79	599	Richland	(32)
Brown Thrasher	99	2327	Knox	(120)
European Starling	100	29997	Cook	(2189)
American Pipit	21	189	Will	(40)
Cedar Waxwing	64	1139	DuPage	(92)
Blue-winged Warbler	57	414*	2 counties	(28)
Golden-winged Warbler	49	232	Mason	(27)
Tennessee Warbler	88*	3044	Mason	(211)
Orange-crowned Warbler	38*	130	Cook	(30)
Nashville Warbler	86*	1932	Cook	(326)
Northern Parula	85*	1355*	Union	(108)
Yellow Warbler	91#	2596	DuPage	(374)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	73	409	Champaign	(35)
Magnolia Warbler	73	355	Cook	(32)
Cape May Warbler	38	122	Cook	(19)
Blaek-thr Blue Warbler	10	16	Cook	(10)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	97	7576	Cook	(856)
Black-thr Gray Warbler	1#	1#	Douglas	#(1)
Black-thr Green Warbler	79*	1229	Cook	(251)
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER	1*	1*	Cook	*(1)
Blackburnian Warbler	58	324	Champaign	(50)
Yellow-throated Warbler	47*	195	Union	(38)
Pine Warbler	30	130	Williamson	*(31)
Prairie Warbler	19	253*	Pope	(78)
Palm Warbler	91	4728	Cook	(679)
Bay-breasted Warbler	43	113	Champaign	(13)
Blackpoll Warbler	57	401	Williamson	(30)
Cerulean Warbler	29	72	Jackson	(14)
Black-and-white Warbler	84	1074	Cook	(150)

records would have been even greater. There were 45 new records for the Number of counties reporting the species. Some of the largest or most interesting increases in the number of counties were for: Mute Swan (up 4), Bald Eagle (up 3), Northern Harrier (up 8), Cooper's Hawk (up 3), Sora (up 6), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 10 – how long will it be before it is reported from all 102 counties?), Pileated Woodpecker (up 3), Blue-headed Vireo (up 5), Carolina Wren (up 5), Sedge Wren (up 2), Swainson's Thrush (up 4), Nashville Warbler (up 3), Northern Parula (up 4), Black-throated Green Warbler (up 4), Yellow-throated Warbler (up 4), and Worm-eating Warbler (up 5). There were 22 new records for the Total count of birds reported for those species in a single count year. Some of the largest or most interesting new high counts were for: Snow Goose (up 64 birds), Trumpeter Swan (up 4 birds), Canvasback (up 19 birds), American White Pelican (up 415 birds – after an increase of 598 birds last year), Turkey Vulture (up 151 birds), Cooper's Hawk (up 29 birds), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 77 birds), White-eyed Vireo (up 362 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 83 birds), Blue-winged Warbler (up 20 birds), Northern Parula (up 298 birds), Prairie Warbler (up 87 birds), Louisiana Waterthrush (up 53 birds), Eastern Towhee (up 110 birds), White-crowned Sparrow (up 322 birds), Rose-breasted Grosbeak (up 415 birds), Indigo Bunting (up 448 birds), and Brown-headed Cowbird (up 3185 birds). There were 11 new records for the Total number of birds reported for those species in a single county. Some of the largest or most interesting records were for: Snow Goose (up 19 birds), Canvasback (up 13 birds), Turkey Vulture (up 30 birds), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 65 birds), Pine Warbler (up 9 birds), and Indigo Bunting (up 188 birds)

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2007 Spring Bird Count (continued)

Species	Total No. of Co.s	Total No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
American Redstart	78	719	Jackson	(48)
Prothonotary Warbler	70*	647	Union	(139)
Worm-eating Warbler	34*	144	Union	(47)
Ovenbird	82#	806	Cook	(67)
Northern Waterthrush	79*	854	Cook	(68)
Louisiana Waterthrush	60	278*	Union	(35)
Kentucky Warbler	55	451	Union	(99)
Connecticut Warbler	4	7	Cook	(3)
Mourning Warbler	10	22	Menard	(4)
Common Yellowthroat	100*	4381	Union	(252)
Hooded Warbler	27#	77	Union	(14)
Wilson's Warbler	32	50	Cook	(5)
Canada Warbler	15	19	Stephenson	(3)
Yellow-breasted Chat	65	576	Williamson	(92)
Summer Tanager	61*	428	Union	(66)
Scarlet Tanager	88*	749	Champaign	(54)
Eastern Towhee	95	2204*	Mason	(154)
American Tree Sparrow	7	13	Jo Daviess	(5)
Chipping Sparrow	99	6762	Winnebago	(380)
Clay-colored Sparrow	19*	36	Cook	(8)
Field Sparrow	96	3678	DuPage	(219)
Vesper Sparrow	56	311	Ogle	(32)
Lark Sparrow	37	215	Mason	(38)
Savannah Sparrow	80*	1380	Cook	(157)
Grasshopper Sparrow	71	860	Jo Daviess	(301)
Henslow's Sparrow	38*	159	DuPage	(14)
Le Conte's Sparrow	1	1	Cook	(1)
Fox Sparrow	1	1	Winnebago	(1)
Song Sparrow	98	6015	DuPage	(541)
Lincoln's Sparrow	63*	291	Cook	(59)
Swamp Sparrow	69	1669	Winnebago	(242)
White-throated Sparrow	95	10649	Cook	(1715)
Harris's Sparrow	4	4	4 counties	(1)
White-crowned Sparrow	99*	9309*	Cook	(563)
Dark-eyed Junco	11	27	Cook	(11)
Lapland Longspur	1	53	McHenry	(53)
Smith's Longspur	2#	2	2 counties	(1)
Northern Cardinal	100	12373	DuPage	(617)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	98	4528*	Mason	(244)
Blue Grosbeak	38*	174*	Union	(29)
Indigo Bunting	97	9327*	Union	*(1057)
Dickcissel	76	2146	Union	(232)
Bobolink	82*	1507	Cook	(96)
Red-winged Blackbird	100	63961	McHenry	(3269)
Eastern Meadowlark	99	5376	Jo Daviess	(193)
Western Meadowlark	19	318	Jo Daviess	(205)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	11	55	2 counties	(13)
Rusty Blackbird	3	4	DeKalb	(2)
Brewer's Blackbird	1	5	Lake	(5)
Common Grackle	100	44408	Montgomery	(3807)
Brown-headed Cowbird	100	15727*	DuPage	(700)
Orchard Oriole	78	606	Union	(56)
Baltimore Oriole	99	4511	Mason	(215)
Purple Finch	22	115	Kankakee	(24)
House Finch	95	2534	Will	(305)
Pine Siskin	4	10	Knox	(5)
American Goldfinch	99	15628	DuPage	(1187)
House Sparrow	99	14081	Boone	(1298)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	28*	474	McDonough	(71)
Exotics:				
[Ringed Turtle Dove	1	12	Will	(12)]
New Records (*)	45	22		11
Tied Records (#)	20	4		4

Species Comments. Both the Blue Jay and American Crow numbers remain subpar; however, Spring Bird Count records show that the total number of jays is 23% higher than last year and crows only slightly lower (less than 1%) than last year. There were 67 more Red-headed Woodpeckers reported this year than last year (a positive 4%) but the numbers are still only one third of those reported on the Count 30 years ago. Welcome back to the Gray Partridge (Boone and DeKalb counties) and Bewick's Wren (Alexander County). The Townsend's Warbler in Cook County was well-documented by a photograph. If the unidentified swan reported from Cook County was really a Tundra as some people thought, it would have added another species to the count total. With the addition of Townsend's Warbler and Golden Eagle to the SBC list, the statewide accumulative Count total now stands at 328.

Species Missed. The Swainson's Hawk has not been counted for two consecutive years. Other species that would have increased the 2007 list include Common Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, either godwit, Whimbrel,, more shorebirds, Laughing or any "winter" gull, Short-eared Owl, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow and Red Crossbill. Of course, many county lists could have been enhanced as well had some of the local species known to be present been findable on count day.

Table 8 provides all the county statistics. The columns are: 1) the county name; 2) the AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; 3) the number of confirmed species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders in the county; 6) the number of parties counting birds; 7) the earliest and latest birding times (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked with an asterisk "*"); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the 2007 county compiler/coordinator.

TABLE 8: 2007 County Statistics

N.R. = No Report

County	Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	130	6,358	20	8	*0445-2200*	10½/312	26½/44¼	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	123	1,244	4	2	0525-1935	2½/51	1/8	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	102	3,121	3	1	0600-1930	2½/102	5½/7	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	130	10,202	27	19	0520-2030	8½/330	145/16¾	Arlene Brie
Brown	3	158	3,223	2	1	*0230-1630	3½/120	6½/4½	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	133	4,883	3	3	*0400-1500	8/172	8½/12½	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	133	10,208	18	10	0530-2130*	14¾/328	19¼/48	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	153	7,310	3	3	*0230-1645	10½/143	12/9	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	128	2,802	1	1	*0445-1615	1/164	1½/10	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	159	10,247	32	19	*0500-2015	65/247	94/22	Beth Chato
Christian	2	128	3,388	8	5	*0405-2230*	24/220	35/10¾	Clark Olson
Clark	2	62	1,924	4	2	0715-1900	4/44	6/8	Donna Clem
Clay	2	94	1,287	2	2	*0440-1240	4/78	8/4	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	167	6,089	9	4	*0000-2045	26/348	32/16	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	146	5,249	17	9	*0315-1720	25/110	35¼/33½	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	177	36,963	163	79	*0445-2025	244/608	363/39¼	Alan Anderson
Crawford	2	99	3,904	18	6	*0500-2130*	11/427	17/40½	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	107	1,788	5	5	*0330-1950	7/82	8½/11	Larry Thorsen
DeKalb	4	151	7,970	21	12	*0000-2200*	48/713	46¼/30¼	Darrell Shambaugh
DeWitt	3	115	2,866	8	5	0545-2015	11/162	27¼/9	L. Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2	115	2,197	1	1	*0450-1845	12/104	9½/4	Mark Alessi
DuPage	4	171	22,773	115	47	*0445-2045*	181/527	254/28	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	96	3,537	20	14	0530-2200*	17½/168	23½/36	Joy Turner
Edwards	1	99	3,581	6	3	0600-2020	3¼/108	8/16	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	119	6,397	9	6	*0450-2030	17/243	30¼/13	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	101	1,518	8	6	0530-1920	13½//82	22/33	Arthur W. Jones
Ford	3	105	1,028	3	2	*0515-1430	9/88	9/4	Wade Lewis
Franklin	1	115	4,004	3	2	*0100-1930	8/80	14/11	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	123	3,129	10	4	0530-1800	7/229	4/32	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	118	1,336	1	1	*0330-2015	4¾/98	9/4¼	Ron Bradley
Greene	2					N.R.			
Grundy	4	93	2,367	7	5	*0430-1830	4½/85	23¼/3¼	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	1	134	2,559	21	10	*0430-2400*	23/198	19¼/46	S. Bentrap Johnson
Hancock	3	115	7,167	13	6	*0200-2230*	8/310	6¼/46¼	J. Michael Sallee

Documentation. The majority of birds requiring documentation were properly documented again this year; those documentations have been forwarded to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee for the permanent file. Unfortunately, the documentations for five significant Count day species were not received as required (despite several requests); so, those records (along with other poorly- and non-documented reeords throughout the state) had to be excluded from the report. One of the above five would have been a new count species and the collective total would have provided a possible new count record of 272 species. With the aforementioned exclusions, the number of species printed in Table 8 will be lower than originally submitted by those county compilers.

Economic Considerations. As mentioned last year, birders spend a great deal of time and money in pursuit of birds. It's still impossible to get (or give) exact figures and no one has yet suggested alternate figures, so, the three arbitrary standards and designated values initiated last year will be used again this year: 1) an "average" value for a person's time – $18/hour; 2) the price of gasoline (which continued to be about $3 per gallon in early May) or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and 3) the cost of food and drink (average of $16 per person). And, as last year, there are several other figures that could and should be included in this compilation, i.e., motels or other overnight accommodations, variable pre- and post-count expenses, unrecorded mileage to and from the count site, equipment, apparel, etc. However, we'll keep it simple (if that is possible).

1) 1,426 participants times an average of $16 for food/drink consumption = $ 22,816

2) an average of 7.2 participation hours per person (1426) times $18 per hour [7.2 is based 5153 daylight party hours x 2.0 persons per party + 160 nocturnal party hours] = $187,690

TABLE 8: 2007 County Statistics (continued)

County	Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Hardin	1	105	932	2	1	0535-2020	1/90	4/8½	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	142	2,885	9	5	*0330-2100*	15½/158	19¾/17½	Chuck Leib
Henry	4	118	12,648	3	2	*0420-2030	4/279	4/20	Ed Anderson
Iroquois	3	117	3,739	20	12	*0500-2030	25/178	50/17½	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	143	5,295	14	11	*0315-2055*	29¾/295	31½/34½	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	100	733	3	1	*0500-2200*	3/15	4/8¼	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	103	1,052	3	1	*0345-2045	6/75	9/2½	Anne Bothe
Jersey	2	124	4,695	13	4	*0430-1730	9/125	12¼/17¼	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	146	12,741	32	8	0600-2200*	22½/417	27½/44	Grace Storch
Johnson	1					N.R.			
Kane	4	149	14,661	46	20	0530-2100*	85½/318	140¾/81	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	4	147	7,438	22	13	*0245-2100*	36½/314	47¼/17½	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	131	4,067	22	8	*0400-2000	37½/101	52¼/8¼	Keith Johnson
Knox	3	164	9,832	24	15	*0300-2100*	26½/673	40½/46¼	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	168	23,271	43	19	*0330-2030	95/450	133/29	Paul Sweet
La Salle	4	161	11,118	23	13	*0400-2030	50/733	59/55¼	John McKee
Lawrence	2	110	2,765	4	3	0530-2210*	9/147	17/11	Julie St. John
Lee	4	98	1,955	7	5	0520-1600	4½/63	11/11	John Bivins
Livingston	3	89	1,464	9	4	0530-2000	8/125	12/3	Nancy Vail
Logan	3	109	5,468	22	12	*0300-2000	26/225	36/23	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	156	5,960	16	10	*0430-2000	32/147	38¼/21	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	104	1,185	1	1	*0420-1730	7/128	8¼/3	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	154	5,592	11	6	*0430-2030	22½/312	39¾/14½	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	85	1,102	1	1	0530-1130	2/113	1½/4½	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	121	2,306	5	2	0530-1630	2/257	3/8	Mary K. Hill
Mason	3	166	9,927	13	6	*0400-2100*	23/289	37½/18½	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	160	3,749	1	1	*0000-2030	7/210	9¾/5¼	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	154	12,553	31	17	*0415-2200*	42/393	77¾/46¾	David/Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	155	14,285	56	27	*0430-2015	69¾/685	91¼/56¾	David Frey
McLean	3	152	9,413	16	6	0530-1700	27/376	32/22	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	122	2,568	4	3	0630-1830	13/110	17/7½	Ken Lockhart
Mercer	4	137	7,456	7	4	*0250-2000	11¼/325	17½/36½	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	137	4,878	5	4	*0430-2030	15½/183	19¾/13¾	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	128	8,142	6	4	*0455-2030	11/179	25/11	Mark Phipps

3) 23,739 miles driven times $0.40 per mile = $9,500

(or, alternative: about 24,000 miles at 20 miles per gallon times $3.00 per gallon = $3600)

Based on the above computations, plus the added time and mileage required for everyone to drive to and from the count site, the nocturnal miles (which were not included in the mileage above), compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic "input" for the 2007 Spring Bird Count certainly exceeds $250,000 and may be more than $300,000. If there's anyone out there who is able to enhance this concept and offer some better standards and guidelines—please offer them.

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As always, the dedicated efforts of Spring Count compilers and loyal participants is beyond proper acknowledgment; however, please know that, on behalf of the entire state of Illinois, all of your efforts and dedication are very much appreciated and that the Count would not be possible without you. Please accept my most sincere thanks. Of course, extra thanks to all the county compilers/coordinators (identified in Table 8) for your advance preparations and post count compilations. The results of 36th Spring Bird Count are now in the record books — thanks ALL for making this possible. Now, let's plan for a 100% county participation in 2008.

Dates of future counts:

2008 = May 10

2009 = May 9

2010 = May 8

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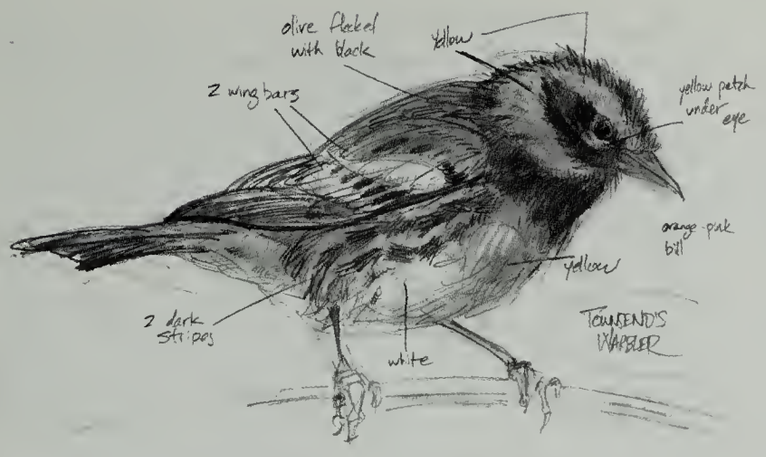
TABLE 8: 2007 County Statistics (continued)

County	Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Morgan	2	135	3,178	5	3	*0400-1930	15/367	16/20	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	146	3,176	4	3	*0315-1715	9/155	13/10	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	107	3,131	5	3	0600-1600	7/62	12/3	Richie Wolf
Peoria	3	90	1,254	3	1	0600-1800	5/95	6/6	Mike Miller
Perry	1	106	815	1	1	0530-1520	3½/23	4½/3½	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	127	9,337	15	10	0515-1900	21¾/149	35½/14	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	146	8,377	22	9	0630-2200*	13½/477	23/50½	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	123	3,006	15	4	0530-1930	12/156	12/17	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	135	2,829	3	3	*0515-1700	5¼/161	9¼/17	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	112	2,847	4	3	*0330-1945	10½/93	11½/5	Michele Simone
Randolph	1	149	3,091	5	3	*0320-1945	12/231	20¼/9½	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	110	6,628	12	6	0545-2030	12/613	13/41½	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	138	8,766	18	7	*0410-2200*	19½/537	27/39½	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	146	5,518	7	5	0520-2045*	28¾/363	32/18½	Richard Call
Saline	1	112	2,783	2	1	*0430-1630	5/145	4/7½	Tara Danner
Sangamon	2	149	3,573	2	2	0515-2015	23/186	17¼/10	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	68	1,596	19	4	0630-1900	22/29	24/4	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	118	1,211	6	3	0530-1710	6½/239	10½/15¼	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	154	3,707	6	5	*0130-2200*	13/402	17/16	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	102	1,261	2	1	*0340-1330	2½/62	4¼/2¾	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	82	1,843	4	2	0700-1700	5/56	7½/2½	George Visel
Tazewell	3	111	3,185	4	2	0615-1730	7/245	7/12	Thad Edmonds
Union	1	170	10,430	9	5	*0130-2000	24/361	28/37½	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	155	8,009	14	9	*0430-2100*	22/481	39/29½	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	139	1,738	7	4	*0500-1745	6½/112	10/13	Jacqueline Hallam
Warren	3	72	1,181	11	9	0700-1630	7½/58	13/8	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	108	1,316	7	3	0600-2100*	4/145	18¼/4½	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	55	248	1	1	*0200-2020	7/151	6/7	George Rose
White	1	84	998	1	1	0520-1420	8/112	4/5	Jeff Horn
Whiteside	4	137	5,419	15	7	*0410-2000*	22/476	19¼/33¼	Charlene Knudten
Will	4	153	17,949	66	26	*0500-2000	67¼/621	87½/49½	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	161	6,276	9	5	*0100-2030	20/156	20½/29¾	Laraine Wright
Winnebago	4	163	15,793	35	13	*0400-2030*	104/526	136/23¼	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	139	3,433	8	4	*0345-2130*	25/145	24/12	Matthew Winks
Total			**562,396**	**1426**	**720**		**2285/ 23739**	**3196/ 1957**	



Field notes drawing of Townsend's Warbler by Peter Olson.

Field Notes

The 2007 spring migration season

by Travis A. Mahan

The spring of 2007 yielded reports of 15 species listed on the Illinois Review List, which was established and is maintained by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC). Species included on the Review List must be thoroughly documented by the observer(s) and subsequently reviewed by the IORC in order for the report to be accepted into the permanent record of Illinois' avifauna. Some of the 15 review list species reported this spring were represented by multiple individuals statewide. Unfortunately, many of these reports were not documented. It is highly encouraged that observers complete documentation for any review list species encountered in the field so that the state can maintain a continuum of quality data and establish patterns of vagrancy for these rarely encountered species.

Temperatures through the first half of February were below to well below normal for central and northern Illinois, but the southern stretches of the state maintained essentially average temperatures. The latter half of February yielded more typical temperatures statewide. Few weathers systems provided conditions favorable for migratory movement, a fact that was evident by the paucity of reports of migratory activity throughout the month. Reports of roughly 30 species were received as February arrivals, the earliest of which followed the first onset of southerly winds from 10-12 February. As is typical of most years, this early push was dominated by waterfowl, which advance northward as soon as warmer temperatures thaw ice, providing open water. The most notable species reported from this early surge was a Black Scoter along Lake Michigan. Following a series of low pressure systems that passed through the state after 16 February, statewide temperatures recovered to normal following one of the coldest periods of the month. Temperatures remained static from about 19 February through the end of the month, but the low pressure systems offered some south winds that produced a trickle of zealous migrants. The highlight of February migration was a well-documented adult Black-headed Gull that remained at Chicago's Montrose Harbor from 23 February through at least 25 March. (See article in Meadowlark 16: 3)

March began with some very gusty westerly winds following a brief show of southerly air that occurred with a strong low pressure system that passed through the state from 28 February through about 4 March. Heavy rains of up to one inch were noted in more northerly locations during this time period. This system caused temperatures to drop down into the teens throughout much of the state on the night of 4 Mareh, but temperatures quickly recovered to normal by 5 March. From about 9-14 March, statewide temperatures surpassed normal highs with some areas reporting temperatures above 75∞F from 12-14 March. North winds followed the passage of this low pressure system, which stabilized temperatures to normal through the period of 15-18 March. Sustained south winds through the last half of March provided favorable conditions for migrants. The warmest period statewide occurred from about 24-27 March, when temperatures exceeded 80∞F in some areas. More than 110 species were reported as arriving in March, and some of these were record early: Green Heron (24 March), Marbled Godwit (25 March), Western Sandpiper (30 March), Wilson's Phalarope (26 March), Caspian Tern (26 March), and Sedge Wren (23 March).

The beginning of April maintained the high-temperature trend that persisted through the latter half of March. Temperatures in southern Illinois surpassed 80∞F while northern and central Illinois reported temperatures above 70∞F through 3 April. This brief period contained some strong winds from the south to southwest. However, a decimating cold front hit the state on 4 April causing temperatures to rapidly plummet below freezing in some areas. Much of the emerging vegetation in the state was affected by frost, especially in southern Illinois where many trees were barren of leaves later in the season. This unseasonable cold spell passed by 10 April, but another less severe cold front occurred from 12-14 April following a strong low-pressure system. Precipitation during this period was among the highest noted all month. Two periods during the latter half of April yielded south winds and above-normal temperatures: 20-24 and 28-30 April. These periods were marked by a heavy flow of a variety of migrants. Exceptional reports during the month of April included record early arrivals of Hudsonian Godwit (12 April), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (5 April), Eastern Kingbird (4 April), Philadelphia Vireo (23 April), and Prothonotary Warbler (2 April). A number of species on the Illinois Review List were reported in April; the following were accompanied by documentation: Black Rail in Fayette County, Snowy Plover in Macon County, White-winged Dove and Barn Owl at Chicago, and a Lazuli Bunting in Winnebago County.

May produced less dramatic temperature swings than those in April. Consistent east winds dominated 1-7 May, which maintained temperatures at normal levels for the statewide Spring Bird Count held on 5 May. A low pressure system that entered the state on 7 May brought temperatures up to the 80s statewide and held them above average from about 7-11 May. Northern Illinois reported temperatures above 90∞F during this period. On 13-15 May, an additional warm front passed through the state that produced more south winds and high tempera-

tures. A brief drop in temperatures, some below average, followed with the progression of this system through 16-18 May. From about 19 May to the end of the month, winds essentially remained constant from the south, consequently yielding steady temperatures at, or above, average. There were many noteworthy reports (some not documented or yet reviewed by IORC) in May: a Tricolored Heron and a Reddish Egret along Lake Michigan, several Glossy Ibis, a Swallow-tailed Kite in Lake County, several extralimital Mississippi Kites, a late Prairie Falcon in Fayette County, a Black Rail in Lake County, a Purple Gallinule at its traditional Mermet Lake haunt, an additional Snowy Plover, more White-winged Doves, a very cooperative Townsend's Warbler in Cook County, Painted Buntings in Cook County, and Great-tailed Grackles at both extremes of the state. Some of the species listed as noteworthy (above) are found in brackets without the observer's initials in the report since they have either not been fully documented or accepted by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee.

At least 58 migratory species persisted in Illinois into June. Of these lingering migrants were 10 species of shorebird, 7 species of flycatchers, and 17 species of warblers. The most significant of these June reports consisted of: a Snowy Plover

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	earliest arrival(s)
MC	maximum count(s)
LD	latest departure(s)
*	documented record
m.ob.	many observers
:ph	photographed
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
(sub)ad.	(sub)adult(s)
imm.	immature(s)
1st/2nd/...	first plumage year/ second plumage year/...
Btm(s)	Bottom(s)
CA	Conservation Area
Co(s)	County (Counties)
Crk	Creek
FP	Forest Preserve
FWA	Fish & Wildlife Area
L	Lake
L&D	Lock & Dam
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
P	Park
Pr	Prairie
(S)(N)Psv	(State)(Nature) Preserve
R	River
Rd	Road
SNA	State Natural Area
SP	State Park
Twp	Township
Wds	Woods

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable. Words referring to topographic features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, River Forest, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all reeords are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

AMAX Co)	AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash
Beall Wds	Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co)
Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
Chau	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	Chicago (Cook Co) (see also JP, Linc.P, Montrose H, Northerly I, and, in part, LCal)
Crab Or.	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
(L) Decatur	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
Downers Grove	Downers Grove (Du Page Co)
EStL	East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)
Ft Massac	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Greene Vly FP	Greene Valley Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
GrtLakes	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
IL	Illinois
JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee (Dam)	Kankakee (Dam) (Kankakee Co)
Larue-Pine Hills	Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
LCal	Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
LeVasseur P	LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
Linc. P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H)
L Shelb.M	Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
Mackinaw Bluffs	Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
Mermet L	Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co)
Miss. Pal.	Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
M.Arb	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co)
Northerly I	Northerly Island, Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Palos	Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
Pecatonica	Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) and local forest preserves
PrRdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
Rend L	Rend Lake (Jefferson Co where unspecified)
Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Rollins Svna	Rollins Savanna (Lake Co)
Santa Fe Btms	Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
UCCA	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Waterfall Glen FP	Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk.	Waukegan (Lake Co)
Winthrop H	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

in Sangamon County (4 June), a Baird's Sandpiper in St. Clair County (1 June), a Western Kingbird at Illinois Beach State Park (9 June), and a very tardy Cape May Warbler in Winnebago County (17 June).

Records not contained in original submissions by some of the cited observers in this report were contributed by local subcompilers for Chicago's Jackson Park (fide PRC), Chicago Bird Collision Monitoring (fide AP), and Coles County (fide LBH). Several reports included in this compilation were extracted from text within correspondence to an electronic mailing list titled Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts (IBET). Dan Kassebaum provided useful historical summaries of Illinois data on warblers, in particular. Many of the remarks regarding specific weather patterns as well as historical references to such were guided by data found at www.wunderground.com.

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2007 Spring Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 23 Feb (2), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 8 Mar (22), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 11 Mar (14), Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DTW); 26 Mar, JP (KMC). **MC**: 1050, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 683, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 400, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJW); 270, Grassy L (Union Co), 5 Mar (KAM); 250, Carroll & Whiteside Cos, 18 Mar (DTW); 120, Carl.F, 6 Apr (DMK). **LD**: **10 May**, Hennepin L (JDC, JAS); 7 Apr (80), Carl.F (DMK).

Snow Goose

EA: 14-16 Feb (2 ad.), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 7 Mar (250), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **MC**: 30,000, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 20,000, Shelby Co, 22 Mar (KAF); 3047 (1682 white morph, 1365 blue morph), Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 19 May (white morph ad.), Miss. R (Carroll Co) (TAM, IOS); 17 May (3 - 2 ad. white morph, 1 imm. blue morph), w. of Fiatt (Fulton Co) (LLH); 1 May (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 28 Apr, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (KAM, DMK, MS).

Ross's Goose

EA: 3 Mar (2), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 3 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 17 Mar, L Sule (Ogle Co) (DFS); 17 Mar (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC**: 6, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 6, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 11 Apr, Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (JDC); 6 Apr (3), Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, TAM). **Others**: 7 Mar, Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 8 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17-19 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH).

Cackling Goose

MC: 42, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 36, Ogle Co, 7 Mar (JDC). **LD**: 18 Mar, L Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 15 Mar, Hennepin L (REF); 10 Mar (11), Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 9 Mar (11), LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 Mar (12), Crab Or. (KAM).

Canada Goose

EA: 9 Mar (84), JP (PRC). **MC**: 22,000, Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co), 3 Mar (JBH); 2300, Crab Or., 5 Mar (KAM); 700, Kane Co, 3 Mar (KAM); 663, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 215, JP, 14 Mar (PRC); 200, O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co), 11 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 13 Mar (80), JP (PRC).

Swan sp?

EA: 26 Mar, Montrose H (MF). **MC**: 44, AMAX, 3-17 Mar (CLH); 6, L Shelb.M, 27 Mar (TAM); 2, JP, 11 Mar (PRC, JSM). **LD**: 8 May, JP (SLC, PRC); 28 Apr (2), Montrose H (PKD).

Mute Swan

EA: 21 Feb (2 ad.), JP (PRC); 3 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 4-10 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 7 Mar, Madison Co (KAM); 10 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (DFS); 16 Mar, Chau (RGB, SNB); 25 Mar-10 May, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: **62**, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 20 May (KAM); **61**, Wolf L, 3 Mar (WJM); 13, Banner Marsh (Fulton/Peoria Cos), 1 Apr (LLH).

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 5 Mar (yellow neck collar: "7A2"), PrRdg (Marion Co) (RES) - banding records indicate that this was a female banded near Marion, Ohio, Aug 2005 (RES); 10 Mar, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 15 Mar (3 - 2 ad., 1 imm. - no bands), Peru Bottom Rd (La Salle Co) (REF); 22 Mar (banded imm.), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 Mar (2), L Shelb.M (TAM). **MC**: 7, Hennepin L, 10 May (JDC, JAS); 4, se. Wabash Co, 24 Mar (EWW). **LD**: prior to 5 May-20 May (pair), ne. of Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, PR, PA:ph); 8 Apr (2), Palos (GAW). **Others**: 19 May (nesting pair), Savanna (Carroll Co) (DTW, IOS).

Tundra Swan

EA: 17 Mar (4), Hennepin L (DJS). **MC**: 16, se. Wabash Co, 24 Mar (EWW); 15, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co), 4-8 Mar (SMF); 13, s. McLean

Co, 12 Mar (MLR *fide* MJW); 12, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB); 8, Channahon (Will Co), 10 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 27 Mar (5), L Shelb.M (TAM); 24 Mar (16), se. Wabash Co, as above; 10 Mar (2), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Wood Duck

EA: 27 Feb (3 - 2 males, 1 female), JP (PRC); 28 Feb (4), Madison Co (KAM); 3 Mar (4), Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 4 Mar (4), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 Mar (4), Clin.L (TAM). **MC**: 140, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 3 Mar (TJD); 61, Chau, 25 May (RGB, SNB); 56, LeVasseur P, 7 Mar (JBH); 40+, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 36, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 12 (males), JP, 25 May (KMC).

Gadwall

EA: 17 Feb (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 Mar (7), Wolf L (CAM); 8 Mar (120), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 16 Mar (36), Boone, Ogle & Stephenson Cos (DTW). **MC**: 760+, Eagle Park Marsh (Madison Co), 18 Mar (KAM); 600+, Crab Or., 14 Apr (KAM); 565, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB); 182, Nason, Rend L, 26 Apr (TJD); 175, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 7 Apr (TJD). **LD**: 28 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May (2), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 20 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM); 19 May (16), Rollins Svna (KAM); 5 May (16), UCCA (VMK).

American Wigeon

EA: 21 Feb (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 11 Mar, Oregon (Ogle Co) (DTW); 14 Mar (pair), JP (PRC). **MC**: 80, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 80, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 54, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB); 9, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 16 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 24 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 4 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 24 Apr (4), Carl.C (KAM); 14 Apr (3), Greene Vly FP (UWG); 18 Mar (pair), JP (PRC).

American Black Duck

MC: 69, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 55, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 5 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 7 Apr (2), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (DTW); 1 Apr (6), Carl.F (DMK, TAM); 19 Mar (2), Crab Or. (KAM).

Mallard

MC: 3330, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB); 3000, Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co), 23 Feb (JBH); 2000+, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 18-20 Mar (AEB); 800, Carl.F, 30 Mar (DMK); 42, JP, 5 May (PRC,et al.).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 7 Mar (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 8 Mar (4), Carl.F (DMK); 9 Mar (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 14 Mar (6), Shelby Co (KAF); 16 Mar (35), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW). **MC**: 500, Carl.F, 15 Apr (DMK); 129, Chau, 25 Apr (RGB, SNB); 60, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 6 (3 pairs), JP, 14 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 28 May, Rend L (DMK, TJD); 28 May (15), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 22 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 19 May (28), Rollins Svna (KAM); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 1 Mar (21), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 5 Mar (250), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 13 Mar (9 - 5 males, 4 females), JP (PRC); 22 Mar (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 1600, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 875, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 600, Crab Or., 19 Mar (KAM); 550, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 471, Chau, 22 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 20 May (pair), Monroe Co (DJ); 20 May (5), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 20 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM); 17 May (3), Rollins Svna (KAM); 5 May (10), Carl.C (DMK); 5 May (25), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

Northern Pintail

EA: 1 Mar (4), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 3 Mar (male), Chi (EWW); 4 Mar, Winslow (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 5 Mar, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM). **MC**: 200, Hennepin L, 10 May (JDC); 184, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 80, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 60, Eagle Park Marsh (Madison Co), 18 Mar (KAM); 20, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 20 May (male), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 1 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK, TAM).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 28 Feb (2 males), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 28 Feb (60), HL (KAM); 4 Mar (150), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 1200, Carl.C, 30 Mar (DMK); 600, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 222, Chau, 16 Mar (RGB, SNB); 28, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 28 May (male), Ward Branch, Rend L (DMK, TJD); 20 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 19 May (6), Rollins Svna (KAM); 5 May (female), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

Canvasback

EA: 14 Feb (2), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 6 Mar (150), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: **24,000**+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 2729, Clear L (Mason Co), 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 1200, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 17 May (JDC); 750, Carroll, Rock Island, Whiteside Cos, 18 Mar (DTW); 150, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK). **LD**: **28 May**, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 May (male), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (UWG, REF, IOS); 5 May, Brown Co (MPW, TW).

Redhead

EA: 14 Feb (8), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 7 Mar (100+), Miss. R (Hancock Co) (AGD); 12 Mar (9), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 465, Clear L (Mason Co), 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 150, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 134, Winthrop H, 3 Mar (EWW); 77, HL, 11 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 20 May (10), Hennepin L (KAM); 5 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 22-28 Apr (female) Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM, SDB et al.); 27 Apr, HL (FRH); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 14 Feb (3), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 2 Mar (3), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **7231**, Chau, 16 Mar (RGB, SNB); 3000+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 2400, HL, 1 Mar (FRH). **LD**: 20 May (male), Hennepin L (KAM); 12 May (female), HL (KAM, DMK); 5 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 27 Apr (2 males), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, DTW).

Scaup sp?

MC: 7000, L&D#13, 10 Mar (EWW); 230, JP, 13 Mar (PRC).

Greater Scaup

EA: 20 Feb (6 males), JP (PRC); 3 Mar (8), Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DTW); 3 Mar (2), Oregon (Ogle Co) (DTW); 18 Mar, Dresden Cooling L (Will Co) (UG); 24 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 530+, Wauk., 17 Feb (EWW); 69, JP, 4 Mar (KMC, PRC). **LD**: 31 May, GrtLakes (DRD); 19 May (ad. male), Spring L (Carroll Co) (TAM, SDB et al.); 15 May (pair), IBSP (EWW); 5 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 Apr (female), Grassy L (Union Co) (TAM, DTW, SDB, CAT); 1 Apr (14), JP (PRC). **Others**: 10 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (DFS); 12 Apr (female), Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr (4), Mercer Co (JDC). **Remarks**: Poor numbers [at JP], but nonetheless highest spring tally since 2001 (PRC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 14 Feb (2), Kankakee Dam (JBH). **MC**: **24,000**+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD) - **record spring high count**, excluding an aerial survey datum of 30,000 on 4 Mar 1986; 5592, Clear L (Mason Co), 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 1000, HL, 25 Mar (FRH); 670, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 600, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 330, Lyerla L (Union Co), 26 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 28 May (4 - 3 males, 1 female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 May (2), Miss. R (Carroll Co) (GAW, IOS); 12 May (9), HL (DMK, KAM).

Harlequin Duck

LD: 20 Mar (pair), North Ave. Beach, Chi (GAW); 13 Mar (male), Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (JP). [**Others**: 10 Feb-23 Mar (2 males), Rock Island Co].

Surf Scoter

LD: 26-28 Apr (female-type), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM, SDB et al.); 20 Apr-5 May (ad. male in alternate plumage), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RGB, SNB et al.).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 3 Mar, Wauk. (EWW); 10 Mar, Newton L (Jasper Co) (CLH). **LD**: 16 Mar (2), Carl.C (BF:ph *fide* DMK).

Black Scoter

EA: 11 Feb, Montrose H (LGM); 4 Mar (ad. female), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (*AGD).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 4-8 Mar, L&D#14 (Roek Island Co) (PR, DJM, SMF); 14 Mar, Chi (JHP). **LD**: Approx. 22 May (photographed female), Wauk. (*fide* EWW); 16 Apr, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 7 Apr, Illinek P

Wild Turkeys. Whiteside County. 28 April 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

(Rock Island Co) (AS); 10 Mar, Newton L (Jasper Co) (CLH); 29 Jan-4 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH).

Bufflehead

EA: 15 Feb (female), Kankakee Dam (JBH). **MC**: 200+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 70, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB); 61, HL, 18 Mar (KAM); 44, Crab Or., 22 Mar (KAM); 34, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 21, Boone Co, 22 Mar (AEB). **LD**: 5 May (2 females), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 5 May, JP (SLC, PRC); 28 Apr (female), McClure (Alexander Co) (TAM, DTW, SDB, CAT); 28 Apr (3), Crab Or. (KAM, DMK, MS).

Common Goldeneye

MC: **3000**+, Miss. R (Haneock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 163, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 120, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 25 May (female), Richard Clark P, Chi (SGS:ph); 20 May (male), Miss. Pal. (UWG, REF, IOS); 27 Apr (imm. male), McClure (Alexander Co) (TAM, DTW); 22 Apr, Carl.F (DMK); 21 Apr (6), Boone Co (AEB).

Hooded Merganser

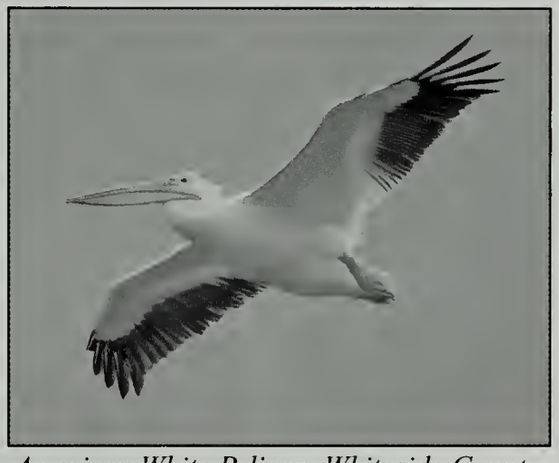
EA: 14 Feb (4), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 4 Mar (4), e. Stephenson Co (DTW); 4 Mar (14), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 5 Mar (4), Crab Or. (KAM). **MC**: 40, Chau, 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 22, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 6 Mar (MJW); 22, Rock Cut, 12 Mar (DTW); 7, Carl.F, 6 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 29 May (3 females), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 May (2 females), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May (3), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (FRH, DMK); 5 May (3 females at nest holes), Pecatonica (DTW).

Common Merganser

MC: 570, Morris (Grundy Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 425, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 58, Oregon (Ogle Co), 3 Mar (DTW); 38, Crab Or., 5 Mar (KAM); 28, IBSP, 18 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 10 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 1 Apr (female), Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (UWG).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 25 Feb (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 3 Mar (10), Montrose H (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Miss R. (Hancock Co) (AGD); 11 Mar (male), Cobb P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 18 Mar (8), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW). **MC**: 200, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 205, Crab Or., 22 Mar (KAM); 25, IBSP, 5 Mar (EWW); 8, Chau, 9 Mar (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 26 May (6), Evanston (Cook Co) (JIE et al.); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 19 May (2 females), Union Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 5 May (2), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW).



American White Pelican. Whiteside County. 27 May 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Ruddy Duck

EA: 11 Mar (5), Oregon (Ogle Co) (DTW). **MC**: 5001, Chau, 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 1700, HL, 25 Mar (FRH); 600, O'Fallon sewage ponds (St. Clair Co), 11 Mar (DMK); 300+, Boone Co, 2 Apr (AEB); 300, Grassy L (Union Co), 5 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 28 May (10), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (2), HL (KAM); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 4-5 May (10), UCCA (VMK); 5 May (11), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 28, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 15+, Clin.L, 17 Mar (TAM, TDF); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 8, LeVasseur P, 4 Mar (JBH); 6, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 63, PrRdg (Marion Co), 12 Mar (RES); 7, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 Apr (KAM).

Wild Turkey

MC: 39, Oregon (Ogle Co), 3 Mar (DTW); 38, Knox Co, 5 Mar (PR); 15, Monroe Co, 7 Apr (DJ); 14, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (KAM); 11, Crab Or., 13 Apr (KAM); 9, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co), 1 Apr (TJD); 8, Carl.F, 1 Apr (DMK, TAM).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 15, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 13, Marion Co, 14 Mar (RES); 8, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 4, e. of Macystown (Monroe Co), 7 Apr (DJ); 4, HL, 4 May (KAM); 2, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 1 May (MJW). **Other**: 22 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Loon sp?

LD: 15 May, Montrose H (RDH).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 11 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 2 & 10 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 2, IBSP, 5 May (EWW et al.). **LD**: 10-12 May (imm.), Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (AFS, APS, DJM, MJB, CAT, TLK, DJS); 10 May (imm.), IBSP (EWW).

Common Loon. Rend Lake. 25 March 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Common Loon

EA: 11 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 17 Mar (alternate plumage), Clin.L (TDF, TAM); 22 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Mar, Boone Co (AEB); 24 Mar (2), Powder Horn L FP, LCal (WJM). **MC**: 6, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 15 Apr (DJS); 5, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 23 Mar & 2 Apr (EWW, KAM); 4, IBSP, 5 May (EWW); 3, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 7 May (AGD). **LD**: **4 Jun**, Newton L (Jasper Co) (CLH); 29 May, Rend L (Franklin Co) (DMK); 28 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 10 May (subad.), Chau (VMK, RQR); 10 May (2), IBSP (EWW); 3 May (ad.), UCCA (VMK).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 14 Feb (2), Kankakee Dam (JBH); 3 Mar (2), n. Lake Co (EWW); 5 Mar (7), Crab Or. (KAM); 8 Mar, Carl.F (DMK); 11 Mar, Oregon (Ogle Co) (DTW); 14 Mar, Linc. P (GAW). **MC**: 63, Mermet L, 26 Mar (KAM); 47, Chau, 20 Apr (RGB, SNB); 35, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 19, Rock Cut, 3 Apr (DTW); 14, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 25 Mar (EWW); 8, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK). **Others**: 12 May (3), HL (DMK, KAM).

Horned Grebe

EA: 18 Feb, Baldwin L (Randolph/St. Clair Cos) (KAM); 28 Feb (basic plumage), L Decatur (TAM); 28 Feb, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 4 Mar, Montrose H (JSA); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Mar, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW). **MC**: **183**, IBSP, 20 Apr (CSF) - **record spring high count**; 37, Palos, 8 Apr (GAW); 12, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 12, Bloomington (McLean Co), 23 Mar (MJW); 10, Carl.C, 17 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 9 May, Powder Horn L FP, LCal (CAM); 29 Apr, HL (FRH); 22 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 18 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 19 Mar (transitional plumage), Fullerton Ave., Chi (SJH); 22 Mar (1st winter), L Zurich (Lake Co) (CSF). **LD**: 13 Apr, Carson's Slough (Cook Co) (*fide* CRBA).

Eared Grebe

EA: 7 Mar, Miss. R (Hancock Co) (AGD). **LD**: 15 Apr (alternate plumage), Lake Forest Beach (Lake Co) (JOS et al.); 2 Apr, Rend L (Franklin Co) (KAM).

Western Grebe

LD: 5 May, Carl.C (RSH, DMK:ph, KAM).

American White Pelican

EA: 16 Feb (6), Madison Co (KAM); 2 Mar (30), Shelby Co (KAF). **MC**: **7000**, Miss. R (Jersey Co), 10 Mar (GAW) - **record spring high count** (previously 4525 at Putnam Co on 25 Mar 2000); 985, Will Co, 13 Apr (REF); 750+, Carl.C/F, 1 Apr (TAM, DMK); 700+, Quincy (Adams Co), 14 Mar (AGD); 236, Chau, 13 Apr (RGB, SNB); 150, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 100, L Shelb.M, 1 Apr (TAM); 91, East Fork L (Richland Co), 4 Apr (CLH); 90+, nw. Winnebago Co, 17 Apr (BR *fide* DTW); 50+, Newton L (Jasper Co), 5 Apr (CLH); 50, Knox Co, 28 Mar (PR). **LD**: 31 May (2), Miss. R at Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 28 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May (18), Moredoek L (Monroe Co) (DJ); 26 May (10), Carl.C (DMK); 25 May (2), JP (PRC) - first JP record; 20 May, Montrose H (JD); 28 Apr-5 May (25+), Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co) (EWW et al.). **Others**: 11 Apr (14), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW).

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 23 Feb (3), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 5 Mar (20), Crab Or. (KAM); 13 Mar (125+), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 13 Mar (93), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 14 Mar (18), Rock Cut

(DTW). **MC**: 4200, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 19 Mar (KAM); 1442, Chau, 13 Apr (RGB, SNB); 800 (nesting colony), Carl.F, 30 Mar-end of season (DMK, TAM); 665 (roost), Riverdale (Cook Co), 31 Mar (WJM); 540, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co), 11 Apr (TJD); 24, UCCA, 5 May (VMK). **LD**: 30 May (6), JP (PRC).

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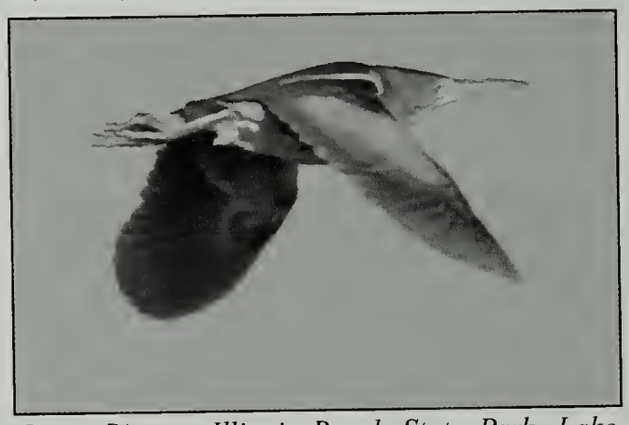
23 Apr, Pulaski Co].

American Bittern

EA: 22 Mar, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar, Grassy Slough Prsv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 28 Mar, Linc. P (GAW); 31 Mar, PrRdg (RES); 11 Apr, Bloomington (Mclean Co) (MEF). **MC**: 4 (calling), Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 10 May (VMK, RQR); 3, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 28 Apr (TAM, SDB, CAT, DTW). **LD**: 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM); 14 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 12 May, HL (DMK, KAM); 8 May, JP (SLC, PRC); 5 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 5 May, Rockfd (DTW); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 19 Apr, Flag Pond (Clay Co) (RES, CLH).

Least Bittern

EA: 26 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 30 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 5 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC**: 5, Mermet L, 5 May (FKB); 4, Spring L (Carroll Co), 20 May (DTW, BCW, IOS); 3 (calling), Mermet L, 19-20 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 2, Spunky Btms (Brown Co), 28 Apr & 10 May (TW, VMK, RQR); 2, PrRdg, 31 May (RES). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, IBSP (EWW).



Least Bittern. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 18 May 2007. Photo by Eric Walters

Great Blue Heron

EA: 22 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 107 (at rookery), Hecker (Monroe Co), 5 May (TUM); 63, Monroe Co, 27 May (DJ et al.); 60, Carl.C, 15 Apr (DMK); 56, Chau, 25 May (RGB, SNB); 43 (at rookery), Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co), 5 May (LLH).

Great Egret

EA: 14 Mar, L Renwick (Will Co) (SM:ph); 18 Mar, HL (FRH); 23 Mar (2), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (AS); 26 Mar, Big Marsh, LCal (WJM); 14 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC**: 245, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW); 85, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (KAM); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 May (DMK); 17, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 25 Apr (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 23 Apr, Montrose H (RDH).

Snowy Egret

EA: 14 Apr, Columbia (Monroe Co) (DJ); 22 Apr (3), Carl.F (DMK); 22 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). **MC**: 25, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 May (DMK); 20, HLCA, 11 May (KAM); 14, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (KAM); 8, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 27 May (DMK, FRH). **LD**: 26 May (2), Carl.F (DMK); 11 May, Nason, Rend L (TJD).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 25 Mar, St. Clair Co (FRH); 1 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 6-7 May, Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW et al.). **MC**: 26, Monroe Co, 27 May (DJ et al.); 8, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (KAM); 8, Alexander Co, 11 May (KAM); 6, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 27 May (DMK, FRH); 5 (4 ad., 1 imm.), Mermet L, 26 Apr (KAM); 2 (ad.), Burnham Pr Marsh, LCal, 19 & 27 May (WJM). **LD**: 29 May (5 ad.), PrRdg (RES); 28 May, LCal (WJM); 5 May (3 ad.), Chau (RGB, SNB). **Others**: 27 May (2), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK).

Tricolored Heron

LD: 27 May, Montrose H (*GAW).

REDDISH EGRET

19-23 May (ad. dark morph), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (TE, CSF:ph, *UWG:ph, DMK:ph, KW:ph, FA:ph, m.ob.); 23 May, GrtLakes (BS); 24-25 May, Wauk. (JOS, RB, EWW, JSS). Presumably only one individual. **Third IL record**.

Cattle Egret

EA: 26 Mar, Mermet L (KAM); 6-13 Apr, Chau (RGB, SNB); 12 Apr (4), Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF). **MC**: 80, EStL, 16 Apr (DMK); 21, Jonesboro (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 4, Monroe Co, 23 May (DJ); 3, Gallatin Co, 6 May (JDC). **LD**: 26 May, Carl.C (DMK); 20 May (2), Montrose H (RDH); 17 May, Beckman P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 26 Apr, Ward Branch, Rend L (TJD).

Green Heron

EA: **24 Mar**, Shelby Co (KAF) - other than a vague datum from ne. IL ("District C") on 23 Apr 1986, this is the **earliest IL arrival date** in the corpus of reviewed records; 12 Apr, e. of Anna (Union Co) (KAM); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 24 Apr, Riverside P (Kane Co) (DJS); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 6, Mason Co, 11 & 18 May (RGB, SNB); 6, IBSP, 15 May (EWW); 6, Montrose H, 15 May (GAW); 6, L Decatur dredge ponds, 28 May (TAM); 5, LeVasseur P, 30 Apr (JBH); 3, Rockfd, 4 May (DTW); 3, Rend L, 28 May (DMK, TJD). **LD**: 27 May, JP (PRC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 14 Mar, Linc. P (GAW); 21 Mar (ad.) JP (PRC, KMC); 25 Mar (5), LCal (WJM); 26 Mar, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **MC**: 14, Linc. P, 25 Apr & 22 May (GAW); 10 (ad.), JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 10, HL, 12 May (KAM); 9, JP, 18 May (KAM); 7, EStL, 6 May (DMK); 7, Chau, 18 May (RGB, SNB); 6, L Decatur dredge ponds, 1 May (TAM). **LD**: 28 May (3 - 1 ad., 2 imm.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **Others**: 21 May (ad.), PrRdg (RES, CLH); 5 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (TAM); 5 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: **22 Mar**, Granite City (Madison Co) (FRH:ph); 26 Mar, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM). **MC**: **14**, Madison Co, 24 Apr (FRH); 3 (1 at nest), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 28 Apr (KAM, DMK, MS); 2, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 18 May (VMK, CLH et al.). **Others**: 24 May, LCal (JRS); 10 May, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Mermet L (TAM, DTW, SDB, CAT).

Glossy Ibis

EA: **28 Apr** (2), Carl.C (LN *fide* DMK); **28 Apr**, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 16 May, near Farina (Fayette Co) (*JWW, TLE, SAS, RES). **MC**: **4**, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 18 May (TJD) - **first IL count greater than 2**; 2, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 29 Apr (TJD). **LD**: 26-29 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (PJ, BJ, KAM, DMK, FRH, JDM, CKM et al.); 22 May, PrRdg (RES:ph, SAS). **Record number of reports**.

Black Vulture

MC: 25, Johnson Co, 2 Apr (KAM); 5, Massac Co, 19 Mar (KAM); 4, Pulaski Co, 19 Mar (KAM); 3, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR). **Others**: 19 Mar (2), near Dongola (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Mar, n. of Golconda (Pope Co) (EWW); 14 Apr (2), Crab Or. (KAM); 29 Apr, Cave-In-Rock SP (Hardin Co) (EWW); 6 May, White Co (JDC); 20 May (2), Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 26 Feb, Decatur (TAM); 3 Mar (4), Boone Co (AEB); 3 Mar, Ogle Co (KAM); 1 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 64, Edwards Co, 2 Mar (RES); 63, near Depue (Bureau Co), 11 Mar (DJS); 35, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 35, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 23 Mar (REF); 32, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 26, Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co), 2 Mar (TUM); 19, Rock Cut, 6 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 31 May, JP (JBH).

Osprey

EA: 24 Mar (male at nest), Carl.C (DMK); 26 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 26 Mar (at nest), Mermet L (KAM); 30 Mar, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RGB, SNB); 31 Mar (2), Powder Horn L FP, LCal (WJM); 6 Apr (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 3, East Fork L (Richland Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 3, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM). **LD**: 28 May, Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 26 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 26 May, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 13 May, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW). **Others**: 31 Mar-end of season (pair at nest), Carl.C (DMK); 4 Apr, Fulton Co (LLH); 20 Apr, Farview Heights (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, JP (PRC); 9 May (pair at nest), Powder Horn L FP, LCal (CAM).

[SWALLOW-TAILED KITE

9 May, Lake Co - no documentation received].

Mississippi Kite

EA: 26 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 28 Apr (4), Thebes (Alexander Co) (SDB, CAT, DTW, TAM); 5 May (ad.), **Waterfall Glen** (*JH et al.); 10 May (imm.), **LeVasseur P** (JBH); 14 May (imm.), **L Decatur dredge ponds** (MFD). **MC**: 6, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 5, Hickory Ridge Rd (Jackson Co), 21 May (RMR). **LD**: 2 Jun (sub-ad.), Beall Wds (CLH); 23 May (ad.), s. of Mokena (**Will Co**) (ABH); 21 May (2), Madison Co (FRH); 20 May (ad.), Belleville (St. Clair Co)

Yellow Rail. Karl Bartel Sanctuary, Marion County. 17 April 2007. Photos by Travis A. Mahan.

(*DMK). **Remarks**: This species was formerly considered extralimital over most sites outside s. IL, but it has now been removed from the IORC review list for the state as a whole. Nonetheless, documentation is encouraged beyond sites of regular occurrence.

Bald Eagle

MC: 29, La Salle Co, 11 Mar (DJS); 22 (15 ad., 7 imm.), L&D#21 (Adams Co), 4 Mar (AGD); 20 (9 ad., 11 imm.), Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 10 (imm.), Carl.F, 17 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 1 May (ad.), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD); 26 Apr (3 - 1 ad., 2 imm.) Nason, Rend L (TJD). **Other**: 5 Mar (2 at nest), Johnson Co (KAM); 7 Mar (ad. at nest), Lawrence Co (CLH); 17 Mar-2 Apr (ad. on nest), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 19 Mar (2 at nest), Bellrose Psv (KAM); 26 Mar (ad. at nest), Ft Massac (KAM); 1 Apr (3), Carl.C/F (DMK, TAM); 22 Apr (2 at nest), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM).

Northern Harrier

EA: 16 Mar (2), Chau (RGB, SNB); 22 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **15**, PrRdg (Marion Co), 5 Mar (RES); 8, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 5 Mar (KAM); 6, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 4, Alexander, Pulaski, Union Cos, 27 Apr (DTW, TAM); 3, LCal, 10 Mar (WJM). **LD**: 18 May, s. Ogle Co (TAM); 17 May, Rollins Svna (KAM); 10 May, PrRdg (RES); 8 May (female), Wauk. (EWW); 2 May, ne. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 29 Apr, HL (FRH).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 2 Mar, Chi (WJM); 10 Mar, Jersey Co (GAW); 17 Mar, Carl.F (DMK); 19 Mar, Mermet L (KAM); 25 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 27 Mar, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 Apr, JP (JSM, KMC); 8 Apr, Palos (GAW). **MC**: 3, LeVasseur P, 26 Mar & 5-6 Apr (JBH); 3, Rockfd, 6 May (DTW). **LD**: 5 May, Carl.C (DMK); 5 May, nw. Cook Co (GAW); 2 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 Apr, JP (PRC); 15 Apr, Shelbyville FWA (West Okaw R Unit) (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 Apr, Trail of Tears SP (Union Co) (KAM). **Remarks**: Not many seen this spring (DTW).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 5, LeVasseur P, 22 Mar (JBH); 3, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 26 Mar (KAM); 2, St. Clair Co, 18 Mar (KAM); 2, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 6 Apr & 5 May (DMK); 2, Palos, 8 Apr (GAW); 2, Gallatin Co, 13 Apr (KAM). **Other**: 6 Apr (imm. male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH).

Northern Goshawk

LD: 23 Mar-8 Apr (imm.), PrRdg (RES:ph, CLH et al.).

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 9 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 Mar, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 4, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 4, Carl.C, 15 Apr (DMK); 4, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co), 20 May (RMR); 3, Mermet L, 5 Mar (KAM); 3, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 2, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 10 Mar (DJS); 2, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 2, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 13 May (GAW); 2 (display flight), Rock Cut, 16 May (DTW). **Others**: 28 Feb-10 Mar (imm.), Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos) (MJW et al.); 4 Mar, L Le-Aqua-Na SP (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 11 Mar, Downers Grove (REF); 5 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 19 May, Carroll Co (GAW).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 2 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 22 Apr (2), Elmwood Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 22 Apr, Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 22 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM). **MC**: 6, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 21 Apr (JDC); 3, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co), 28 Apr (DJS); 3, LeVasseur P, 28 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 20 May, Lake Co (KAM); 19 May, Pomona (Jackson Co) (CLH); 18 May, Bloomington (McLean Co) (GH *fide* MEF); 13 May, M.Arb (UWG); 5 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 5 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH).

Swainson's Hawk

[**EA**: 23 Apr, DeKalb Co - the only report; no documentation received].

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 15, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 12, Kane Co, 18 May (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 8 & 25 Mar (DMK); 10, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 7, Chau, 16 Mar (RGB, SNB); 7, Bureau Co, 17 Mar (DJS). **LD**: 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 19 Apr (*B.j. krideri*), Wayne Co (CLH); 8 Apr (*B.j. calurus* - dark morph), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 7-8 Apr (*B.j. krideri* - imm.), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW, MEF); winter-15 Mar (*B.j. harlani*), Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 15 Mar (*B.j. krideri*), Putnam Co (REF); 11 Mar (*B.j. harlani*), HL (FRH); 5 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - dark morph), Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM).

Rough-legged Hawk

LD: 28 Apr, Putnam Co (JDC, JAS); 12 Apr, Douglas Co (JDC); 2 Mar, Montrose H (EWW).

Golden Eagle

MC: 2 (imm.), Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co), 7 Mar (CLH).

American Kestrel

MC: 10, Quincy (Adams Co), 4 Mar (AGD); 6, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 5, Bureau Co, 17 Mar (DJS); 4, Massac Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 4, Pulaski Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 4, Saline Co, 13 Apr (KAM).

Merlin

EA: **22 Feb**, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 23 Mar, Spring L (Carroll Co) (AS); 22 Apr, JP (SF, CMA). **LD**: 19 May, Galena (Jo Daviess Co) (JWW); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 1 May, Montrose H (GAW); 29 Apr, Tonica (La Salle Co) (DTW); 17 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 3 Mar, AMAX (CLH, RES). **LD**: 25 May, Normal (McLean Co) (DS *fide* MEF); 7 May, EStL (KAM); 5 May, L Paradise (Coles Co) (TDF) - "...the only spring record I have for Coles County dating back to 1965." (LBH); 5 May (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May (ad.), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 28 Apr, Carl.C (LN); 28 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 2-22 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

[PRAIRIE FALCON

LD: 16 May, Fayette Co, pending IORC review].

Yellow Rail

EA: 5 Apr, PrRdg (RES, CLH); 14 Apr, Clin.L (TDF, IOS); 21 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **MC**: **6** (5 by TAM:ph, RES:video), Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co), 17-18 Apr (TDF) - **record IL high count**. **LD**: 12 May, Rollins Svna (RDH); 11 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 22 Apr, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (KAM).

A Northern Goshawk stands next to its prey, a Greater Prairie-Chicken. Prairie State Natural Area, Jasper County. 7 April 2007. Photo by John Blok.

[BLACK RAIL

EA: 15 Apr, Fayette Co, pending IORC review. Two undocumented reports: 29 Apr, Massac Co; 18 May, Lake Co].

King Rail

EA: 22 Apr, Eckert Wds (Fayette Co) (DMK); 28 Apr (2 - 1 male), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (TAM, DTW, SDB, CAT); 28 Apr, Tunnel Hill Bicycle Trail (Johnson Co) (KAM, DMK, MS); 5 May, Brown Co (MPW, TW); 9 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 15 May, Montrose H (BH, GAW, m.ob.).

King Rail. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 15 May 2007. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Virginia Rail

EA: **22 Mar**, PrRdg (RES); **24 Mar** (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); **27 Mar**, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP) - record early for n. IL; 2 Apr, Tunnel Hill Bicycle Trail (Johnson Co) (KAM). **MC**: 6, Spunky Btms (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 4, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 3, IBSP, 18 May (EWW). **LD**: 22 May, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 May, Montrose H (GAW). **Others**: 17 Apr (2), Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (TAM, TDF, RES); 29 Apr & 5 May, Carl.C (DMK, MS); 5 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (TAM); 28 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (TAM, SDB, DTW, CAT); 28 Apr, Harrisburg (Saline Co) (KAM, DMK, MS).

Sora

EA: 20 Mar, Massac Co (FKB); 22 Mar, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Mar, PrRdg (RES); 24 Mar (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar, Centralia (Marion Co) (EWW); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 7 Apr, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 22 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 13, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 7, Ford Co, 21 Apr (JDC); 7, Eckert Wds (Fayette Co), 22 Apr (DMK); 6, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 5 Apr (TJD); 6, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 23 May, Linc. P (GAW); 22 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 21 May (2), PrRdg (CLH, RES); 19 May (4), Rollins Svna (KAM); 5 May (4), Carl.C (DMK).

Piping Plover. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 3 May 2007. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Purple Gallinule

EA: 5 May, Mermet L (FKB).

Common Moorhen

EA: 5 May, Chau (RGB, SNB); 8 May, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 5+, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 19 May (TAM, SDB, IOS); 4, Spring L (Carroll Co), 20 May (UWG, DTW, BCW, IOS); 4, Tri-County SP (Du Page Co), 28 May (UWG); 3, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 2, HL, 12 & 16 May (DMK, KAM, FRH). **Others**: 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM); 20 May, Mermet L (CLH, VMK et al.); 27 May, Burnham Pr Marsh, LCal (WJM, JSA).

American Coot

EA: 21 Feb (3), JP (PRC); 17 Mar (2), Fermilab (UWG). **MC**: 3578, Chau, 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 2100, HL, 11 Mar (KAM); 1800, Mermet L, 26 Apr (KAM); 1200, Carl.C, 30 Mar (DMK); 800, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 6 Apr (DJS); 579, Wolf L, 17 Mar (GAW); 450, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 350+, Boone Co, 22 Mar (AEB); 160, Union Co, 5 May (VMK). **LD**: 25 May, JP (PRC); 22 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Sandhill Crane

EA: 23 Feb (**200+**), n. **Union Co** (*fide* RMR); 25 Feb, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Feb (7), Marengo (McHenry Co) (DTW); 1 Mar (16), McLean Co (GH *fide* MEF); 2 Mar (13), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 6 Mar (16), Jasper Co (RES); 26 Mar, Montrose H (JWL). **MC**: 2184, LCal, 11 Mar (WJM); 200+, n. Union Co, as above; 87, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 27 May, JP (GD, SAD); 15 May (2), Montrose H (ESG); 18 Apr (19), Rockfd (DTW); 18 Mar, Madison Co (FRH).

WHOOPING CRANE

EA: 3 Mar (3), Chi (EWW). **LD**: 23-24 Mar (2 banded ad.), New Lennox (Will Co) (CMA, TAM:video, m.ob.). As with other sightings subsequent to a remarkable reeord from Nov 1998, these demonstrably or presumably involved individuals from the Wisconsin/Florida reintroduction program.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 30 Apr, Carl.C (EWW); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, IBSP (KAM); 19 May (3), Carl.F (DMK). **LD**: 26 May (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW).

American Golden-Plover

EA: **8 Mar** (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 13 Mar (18), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 23 Mar (6), Shelby Co (KAF); 25 Mar (10), w. Kankakee Co (JBH, AFS, APS). **MC**: 3000, Edgar Co, 12 Apr (JDC); 2900, PrRdg, 7 Apr (KAM); 1500, Shelby Co, 10 Apr (KAF); 800, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 15 Apr (DMK); 509, nw. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 28 Mar (TJD); 190, Effingham Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 120, n. McLean Co, 2 Apr (MJW). **LD**: 24 May, Campbells Airport (Lake Co) (JSS); 5 May, Carl.C (DMK); 1 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

SNOWY PLOVER

EA: 30 Apr-2 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, *TAM:ph). **LD**: [4 Jun (photographed), Sangamon Co]; 28-29 May, Ward Branch, Rend L (*DMK:ph, TJD, KAM, CLH, MRK, KK).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 22 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 27 Apr, Cowling (Wabash Co) (EWW); 2 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 3 May (5), Monroe Co (DJ); 7 May, Montrose H (JRS); 12 May (2), Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC**: 120, Carl.F, 26 May (DMK); 95+, Mendota (La Salle Co), 27 May (EWW); 39, Yorkville (Kane Co), 25 May (EWW); 38, Nason, Rend L, 11 May (TJD). **LD**: 5 Jun, LCal (WJM); 29 May (7), Ward Branch, Rend L (CLH, DMK); 28 May (4), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May, JP (PRC).

Piping Plover

EA: 2 May (2), JP (PRC); 3 May (no bands), Montrose H (RDH). **LD**: 17 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD).

Killdeer

EA: 24 Feb, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 Mar, Montrose H (JSA); 3 Mar (14), LCal (WJM); 14 Mar (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 250, Carl.C, 30 Mar (DMK); 167 (large flocks), UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 68, Wauk., 3 Mar (EWW); 21, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **LD**: 29 May, JP (PRC).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: **16 Apr** (5), Teague Hill Rd (Massac Co) (FKB); 22 Apr (3), East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (KAM); 26 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 5 May (2), AMAX (RES, CLH); 5 May, Monroe Co (DJ). **MC**: **8**, East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co), 25 Apr (KAM); 5, Teague Hill Rd, as above; 5, Wayne Co, 6 May (CLH); 3, sw. Jackson Co, 29 Apr (DM). **LD**: 10 May, near Wynoose (Wayne Co) (RES). **Others**: 19 May (2), Union Co (VMK, CLH et al.).

American Avocet

EA: 22-24 Apr (3), Carl.F, Patoka Access (DMK, KAM); 22 Apr, Carl.C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 14, Montrose H, 27 Apr (OHM); 9, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW). **LD**: 28 Apr-7 May, Carl.C (LN, DMK, JDC); 5 May (2), Brown Co (MPW, TW); 22-28 Apr (alternate plumage), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MPW, TAM, DTW, m.ob.).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 22 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 22 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 23 Apr (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Moredock L (Monroe Co) (DJ); 26 Apr (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 5 May, Timber Crk FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC**: 34, Chau, 11 May (RGB, SNB); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 12, Kendall Co, 27 May (DJS); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 10, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 9, Mermet L, 28 Apr (KAM, DMK, MS); 9, Montrose H, 22 May (GAW). **LD**: 5 Jun (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 27 May, JP (PRC); 19 May (7), Rollins Svna (KAM).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 30 Mar (2), Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 58, Paradise L (Coles Co), 30 Apr (EWW); 45, Woodford Co CA, 8 May (DJS); 26, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM); 17, Mermet L, 22 Apr (KAM); 15, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 11, Ward Branch, Rend L, 26 Apr (TJD); 10, Monroe Co, 25 Apr (DJ); 9, MeDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 19 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May (2), Chicago Botanic Garden, Gleneoe (Cook Co) (SJH, KRW); 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM); 15 May (2), JP (PRC); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 8 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 11 Mar, St. Clair Co (KAM); 17 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 1 Apr (4), Shelby Co (KAF); 3 Apr, Montrose H

(AB, RMT); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: **300**, Carl.F, 15 Apr (DMK); 100+, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW). **LD**: 28 May, Ward Branch, Rend L (KAM); 22 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 15 May, Shelby Co (KAF); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Willet

EA: 27 Apr (5), Montrose H (OHM). **MC**: **44**, L Decatur dredge ponds, 30 Apr (MFD); 8, Montrose H, 3 May (JNN); 5, Chau, 5 May (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 18 May, GrtLakes (DRD); 12 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Carl.C (JDC); 2 May (6), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 1 May (22), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 14 Mar (7), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 23 Mar (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Mar (12), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 15 Apr (2), Momence (Kankakee Co) (UWG); 21 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: **1200**, Carl.F, 15 Apr (DMK); 654, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (KAM); 300+, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 140, Union Co, 3 May (VMK); 92, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM); 83, Nason, Rend L, 26 Apr (TJD); 53, Woodford Co CA, 8 May (DJS); 7, Montrose H, 15 May (GAW). **LD**: 2 Jun, Kendall Co (DJS); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 19 May (5), Rollins Svna (KAM).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 20 & 30 Apr (2), Jasper Co (RES, CLH); 30 Apr, Evanston (Cook Co) (*fide* JIE); 5 May, Greene Vly FP (JAS et al.); 5 May (nocturnal migrant), Stark Co (JWW). **LD**: 30 May, Jasper Co (RES). **Others**: 19-20 May (2), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DGW, UWG, SDB, IOS).

Whimbrel

26 May, above L&D#16 (Rock Island Co) (*TD, GW) - the only report.

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: **12 Apr**, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); **15 Apr** (14), Carl.F (DMK) - **record early arrival dates for IL** (previously 18 Apr 1995); 27-28 Apr (female), Gridley Twp (McLean Co) (MJW et al.). **MC**: 14, Carl.F, as above. **LD**: 7 May (2), Kendall Co (DJS); 6 May, Yellow Barn Marsh (Du Page Co) (PAM); 29 Apr (2 - 1 male, 1 female), s. Woodford Co (MJW); 27 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (SDB, TAM, KAM, m.ob.); 27 Apr (5), Carl.F (DTW, TAM).

Marbled Godwit

EA: **25 Mar-1 Apr**, Carl.C (DMK:ph, TAM, KAM) - **record early IL arrival** by nearly two weeks (previously 7 Apr 1980). **MC**: 6, Carl.F, 22 Apr (DMK); 5, L Decatur dredge ponds, 30 Apr (MFD); 3, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW). **LD**: 3 May, Union Co, 3 May (VMK). **Others**: 1 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 28 Apr, nw. of Karnak (Pulaski Co) (DM, SJ, RMR, VL).

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (WK *fide* MJW); 7 May, Montrose H (JRS); 8 May, Wauk. (EWW); 17 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 17 May, Wauk. (KAM). **MC**: 6, Montrose H, 19 May (KAM); 3, Kendall Co, 20 May (DJS); 3, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 21 May (DMK). **LD**: 26 May (2), Wauk. (DBJ et al.); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20-24 May, Monroe Co (DJ); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Whooping Cranes in Will County. 27 March 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Red Knot

MC: 6, Wauk., 25 May (EWW).

Sanderling

EA: 28 Apr, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (MPW et al.); 13 May (2), JP (PRC, SLC); 14 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Wauk. (KAM). **MC**: 10, L Decatur dredge ponds, 17 May (MFD); 4, Wauk., 29 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 17 May (KAM). **LD**: 24 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 23 May, Montrose H (RDH).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 5 May (40), Shelby Co (KAF); 11 May (37), Nason, Rend L (TJD); 14 May, Montrose H (LGM); 17 May (5+), Greene Vly FP (UWG). **MC**: 200, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK); 194, DeKalb, Kendall & La Salle Cos, 28 May (DJS); 125, Ward Branch, Rend L, 28 May (DMK, TJD, KAM); 95+, Mendota (La Salle Co), 27 May (EWW); 75, L Decatur dredge ponds, 28 May (TAM); 51, LCal, 27 May (WJM, JSA); 34, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 12, Chau, 25 May (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 9 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Jun, s. of Springfield (Sangamon Co) (HDB); 2 Jun (12), LCal (WJM); 29 May (6), Ward Branch, Rend L (DMK, CLH); 25 May (5), JP (KMC, PRC).

Western Sandpiper

EA: **30 Mar-1 Apr**, Carl.C (DMK:ph, TAM) - **easy record early arrival** (previously 16 Apr 1992). **MC**: **12**, Carl.F, 26 May (DMK) - ties 2006 for **record spring high count**. **LD**: 17 May (2), Wayne Co (CLH); 17 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD).

Least Sandpiper

EA: **19 Mar**, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 30 Mar (**30**), Carl.C (DMK) - **first March tally greater than 3 birds**; 7 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 75, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM); 60, Carl.F, 26 May (DMK); 37, Nason, Rend L, 11 May (TJD); 21, Montrose H, 15 May (GAW). **LD**: 29 May, Ward Branch, Rend L (CLH, DMK); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 May (2), Campbells Airport (Lake Co) (JSS); 20 May (2), L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (KAM); 20 May (4), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 29 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 6 May, Wayne Co (CLH); 11 May, Nason, Rend L (TJD); 15 May, Montrose H (RDH); 17 May, Greene Vly FP (UWG); 24 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC**: 10, Wayne Co, 17 May (CLH); 10, Yorkville (Kendall Co), 25 May (EWW); 5, Carl.C, 5 & 12 May (DMK, KAM, MS). **LD**: 8 Jun (4), Montrose H (GAW); 28 May, Ward Branch, Rend L (DMK, TJD); 28 May (10), Kendall Co (DJS); 20 May (3), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 30 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 1 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK, TAM, KAM); 12 Apr (2), Kidd L (Monroe Co) (DJ, PD); 22 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 2 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC**: **26**, Carl.C, 29 Apr (DMK:ph) - **record spring high count**; 7, L Paradise (Coles Co), 5 May (TDF) - second county record (LBH). **LD**: **1 Jun**, Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 28 May, Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (REF); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 27 Apr (3), Gorham (Jackson Co) (TAM, DTW); 26 Apr, Nason, Rend L (TJD). **Others**: 22 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 17 May (3), Greene Vly FP (REF); 21 May, Kendall Co (JDC).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 17 Mar (400), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 17 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 19 Mar (66), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 23 Mar (12), Shelby Co (KAF); 25 Mar (11), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 28 Mar (7), Knox Co (PR). **MC**: **5000**, Carl.F, 6 Apr (DMK); 1500, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 Apr (KAM); 575, Bellrose Rsv, 2 Apr (KAM); 420, Paradise L (Coles Co), 30 Apr (EWW); 320, Livingston/Woodford Cos, 6 Apr (MJW); 289, Nason, Rend L, 26 Apr (TJD); 70, Collinsville (Madison Co), 20 Apr (TJD). **LD**: 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 19 May (2), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (UWG, DGW, IOS); 5 May, Monroe Co (DJ).

Dunlin

EA: 25 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 26 Mar (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 27 Mar (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 28 Apr, AMAX (CLH); 4 May, Montrose H (KH); 5 May, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 7 May (5), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 100+, Carl.C, 30 Apr (EWW); 13, Kendall Co, 20 May (DJS); 12, LCal, 19 May (SJH, KRW); 11, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 26 May (EWW); 9, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 10 May (DTW); 6, Nason, Rend L, 11 May (TJD). **LD**: 1 Jun, LCal (WJM); 28 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 26 May (3), Carl.F (DMK); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May, L Springfield (Sangamon Co) (KAM); 17 May, Wauk. (KAM).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 1 Apr, Carl.F (TAM, DMK); 27-28 Apr (7), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, DTW et al.). **MC**: 7, Bellrose Rsv, as above; 7, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 6, Wayne Co, 17 May (CLH). **LD**: 11 May, Nason, Rend L (TJD).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 28 Apr (25), Big L (Brown Co) (TW); 28 Apr, Union Co (GAW); 29 Apr (18), Wayne Co (CLH); 3 May, HL (FRH); 10 May (7), Montrose H (KI:ph); 10 May (4), Kendall Co (DJS); 17 May (2), Greene Vly FP (UWG); 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM). **LD**: 28 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 May (2), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 20 May (3), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (UWG); 19 May (2), LCal (SJH, KRW).

American Woodcock. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 25 March 2007. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 26 Mar (9), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 27 Mar, L Shelb.M (TAM); 23 Apr, DeKalb Co (REF). **MC**: 22, Union Co, 3 May (VMK); 17, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM, DMK, MS et al.). **LD**: 3 May (22), Union Co, as above; 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 May (6), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 8 Mar (18), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 11 Mar (2), St. Clair Co (KAM); 14 Mar (3), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 18 Mar, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (UWG); 28 Mar (3), Linc. P (BH). **MC**: **200**, Santa Fe Btms, 17 Mar (DMK); **200**, Livingston/ Woodford Cos, 6 Apr (MJW); 135, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 69, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 6 Apr (DTW); 15, nw. Henry Co, 15 Apr (EWW); 15, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 5 May (TAM); 8, McDonough Co, 6 Apr (LLH). **LD**: 3 Jun, PrRdg (CLH); 26 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 20 May, Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS); 21 Apr, Linc. P (SJH).

American Woodcock

EA: 20 Feb, Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (DMt); 27 Feb (2), Massac Co (FKB); 28 Feb (10), HL (KAM); 9 Mar, Linc. P (RMT); 9 Mar, Oldfield Oaks FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 8 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: **22**, Montrose H, 25 Mar (GAW, KH et al.); **18**, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 25 Mar (*fide* AP); 6, LCal, 25 Mar (WJM); 4, Durand (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 3, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (TAM, SDB, DTW, CAT). **LD**: **11 Jun**, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 30 May, Linc. P (BH); 1 Apr, JP (PRC). **Remarks**: A total of 70 American Woodcocks were noted during collision monitoring in Chicago through the month of March; 51 of these collisions occurred during the period 19-26 Mar.

Iceland Gull. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 7 May 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: **26 Mar-2 Apr** (male), Bellrose Rsv (KAM) - **record early arrival** by two days; 29 Apr (male), Carl.C (DMK:ph); 30 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 4-5 May (female), L Shelb.M (TDF, TAM). **MC**: 12, Big L (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 2 (pair), Gaskin L (Clay Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 2 (females), Pulaski Co, 27 Apr (TAM, DTW); 2, Union Co, 3 May (VMK). **LD**: 18 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 17 May (female), Rollins Svna (KAM).

Red-necked Phalarope

LD: 28 May (female), w. of Geneva (Kane Co) (TSS); 27 May (female), Kendall Co (DJS).

Laughing Gull

EA: **30 Mar** (ad.), Carl.C (DMK:ph); 11-12 May (ad.), Montrose H (GAW, BH et al.). **MC**: 2, Wauk., 26 May (DBJ et al.). **LD**: 29 May (ad.), Ward Branch, Rend L (DMK:ph, CLH); 24 May, Wauk. (JOS); 23 May, Montrose H (SB); 22 May (ad.), ISBP (EWW:ph); 15 May, HL (FRH). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid**): 23 Apr (ad.), 106th St. & Indianapolis Blvd., LCal (MLB *fide* WJM) - fourth consecutive year at this site.

Franklin's Gull

EA: 26 Apr (2), Nason, Rend L (TJD). **LD**: 9 Jun (2nd summer), IBSP (EWW:ph); 16 May (3), Evergreen L (Mclean Co) (MJW); 15 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).

BLACK-HEADED GULL

24 Feb-25 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (JWH, AH, RDH, GAW:ph, KH:ph, DMK:ph, KAM:ph, m.ob.).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 8 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Mar (85), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (MJW); 19 Mar (50), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 24 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 1 Apr (10), Savanna (Carroll Co) (DTW); 1 Apr, Du Page Co (REF). **MC**: 2000, Clinton Co, 24-25 Mar (DMK); 175, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 10 Apr (MJW); 34, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 13 Apr (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 26 May, Carl.F (DMK); 26 May (2), IBSP (JSS); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 14 Mar (7), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 5500, LCal, 10 Mar (WJM); 5000+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 7 Mar (AGD); 4170, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 4000, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK); 650, JP, 1 Apr (PRC); 234, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB).

Herring Gull

EA: 22 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 56, Montrose H, 30 Apr (GAW); 18, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 13, Chau, 1 Mar (RGB, SNB); 13, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 22 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 5 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW); 28 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM, DMK, MS).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 2 Mar (3 ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 3 Mar (3 ad.), Winthrop harbor (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 Mar, L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 5 (4 ad., 1 1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **LD**: 5 May (ad.), IBSP (EWW); 15 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW); 13 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Iceland Gull

EA: 2-4 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF, PR, DJM); 3 Mar (2nd year), Winthrop H (EWW). **LD**: 18 May (1st year), IBSP (EWW); 12 May (1st year), Winthrop H (EWW); 5 May (2 subad.), IBSP (EWW:ph); 22 Apr (2 ad.), IBSP (EWW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 4-8 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 3rd winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF, PR, DJM); 10 Mar (ad.), Illinois R (Grundy Co) (DFS); 12 Mar (2), Winthrop H (EWW). **LD**: **9 Jun** (1st summer), IBSP (EWW); 5 May (2), IBSP (EWW); 3 May, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (FRH); 19 Apr, GrtLakes (DRD); 31 Mar (1st winter), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar (ad.), Woodford Co CA (DJS); 13 Mar (ad.), Butterworth P (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 3 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 1st year), Winthrop H (EWW); 3 Mar (ad.), Wauk. (EWW); 4 & 8 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (PR, DJM, SMF). **LD**: 18 Mar (1st year), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW); 10 Mar (2 - 1 ad., 1 1st winter), L&D#14 (Roek Island Co) (SMF).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 3 Mar (1st year), Lake Co (EWW); 10-17 Mar (1st winter), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **LD**: 12 Apr (ad.), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr (3rd year), LCal (CAM); 1 Apr (2nd year), Rainbow P, Chi (GAW).

Least Tern

EA: 8 May (2), AMAX (CLH).

Caspian Tern

EA: **26 Mar** (2), LCal (WJM) - **record early IL arrival** by 1 day; **28 Mar**, JP (PJP, JSR); **2 Apr**, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Apr, Big L (Brown Co) (TW); 2 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 250, GrtLakes, 11 May (DRD); 73, Montrose H, 6 May (GAW); 37, JP, 5 May (SLC, PRC); 17, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 2 May (FRH); 10, IBSP, 21 Apr (EWW); 9, Carl.C, 5 May (KAM, RSH). **LD**: 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 18 May, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (UWG); 16 May (4), Evergreen L (Mclean Co) (MJW).

Black Tern

EA: 5 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH). **MC**: 132, HL, 16 May (FRH); 13, Redwing Slough (Lake Co),

27 May (DRD); 8, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 15 May (MJW). **LD**: 9 Jun (1st summer), LCal (WJM); 20 May, Miss. Pal. (UWG, IOS); 19 May, Rollins Svna (KAM).

Common Tern

EA: 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 3 May, JP (KMC); 5 May (4), L Shelb.M (TAM). **MC**: 725, Winthrop H, 15 May (EWW); 550 (not members of the nesting colony), GrtLakes, 11 May (DRD); 530, Wauk., 7 May (EWW); 25, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 15 May (MJW); 5, JP, 5 May (SLC). **LD**: 24 May, Linc. P (GAW); 20 May, Miss. Pal. (UWG, IOS); 14 May (2), JP (PRC).

Forster's Tern

EA: **25 Mar**, Crab Or. (FKB); **30 Mar**, Carl.F (DMK); 4 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 8 Apr (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 12 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 16 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (PR, DJM); 21 Apr (2), Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: **79**, Nason, Rend L, 26 Apr (TJD) - record spring high count away from L Michigan; 25, Evergreen L (Woodford Co), 1 May (MJW); 23, HL, 5 May (FRH); 21, Carl.C/F, 24 Apr (KAM); 14, Mermet L, 22 Apr (KAM); 10, Rock Cut, 2 May (DTW); 8, UCCA, 4 May (VMK). **LD**: 28 May ("*portlandica*" plumage), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (8), Carl.F (DMK); 24 May, Linc. P (GAW); 20 May (6), Miss. Pal. (UWG, IOS); 19 May (4), Wauk. (KAM); 16 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 5 May (5), Chau (RGB, SNB); 5 May (3), Spoon L (Knox Co) (PR); 25 Apr, Moredock L (Monroe Co) (DJ).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 290, Kankakee Co, 28 Feb (JBH); 150, EStL, 27 May (DMK, FRH); 30, JP, 30 May (PRC).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 14, Metropolis (Massac Co), 26 Mar (KAM); 12, Clinton Co, 26 May (DMK); 8, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 5, Gallatin Co, 13 Apr (KAM). **Others**: 18 Mar (2), Kendall Co (UWG); 26 Mar, Ruma (Randolph Co) (KAM); 31 Mar, Columbia (Monroe Co) (KAM); 1 Apr-20 May (4), Thomson (Carroll Co) (DTW, IOS); 5 & 15 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 28 May (2), Oakdale (Washington Co) (TJD, DMK).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

1-3 May (at feeder), Springfield (Sangamon Co) (*VMK:ph); 30 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, *AB et al.); 8-10 May, Montrose H (*GAW:ph et al.); 26 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (*JIE:ph et al.).

Mourning Dove

MC: 58, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 48, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 45, Ogle Co, 3 Mar (KAM); 32, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 22, Carl.C, 5 May (KAM, RSH).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 67, Burnham, LCal, 17 Mar (WJM); 15, JP, 10 Apr (PRC); 14, Rainbow P, Chi, 1 Apr (GAW); 4, Addison (Du Page Co), 28 May (UWG); 3, JP, 18 May (KAM). **LD**: 11 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK, MS); 5 May (2), McDonough Co (LLH); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 15 May, JP (GD). **MC**: 8, Cave Crk Valley (Jackson Co), 27 May (RMR); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF); 5, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 4, Clinton Co, 5 & 26 May (KAM, RSH, DMK); 4, HLCA, 11 May (KAM). **LD**: 11 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 3 Jun, JP (PRC).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 3 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 5 May, Shelby Co (KAF); 7 May, Madison Co (FRH); 11 May (2), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 19 May, Montrose H (TFK, KAM); 19 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co) (SJH, KRW). **MC**: 3, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 23 May (MJW); 2, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 23 May (DRD). **LD**: 27 May (female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 21-22 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Barn Owl flying over Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 23 April 2007. Photo by Alex Bloss.

Barn Owl

LD: 23 Apr, **Montrose H** (RDH, KH:ph, AB:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: 31 Mar, Carl.F (DMK); 16-19 Apr (2), PrRdg (RES:video, CLH); 28 Apr, near Perks (Pulaski Co) (SDB, CAT, DTW, TAM); 5 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RSH).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 12, Wilkinson Island (Jackson Co), 4 Mar (RMR); 2, Carl.C, 17 Mar & 5 May (DMK); 2, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM). **Others**: 28 Apr, Harrisburg (Saline Co) (KAM, DMK, MS); 28 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (SDB, CAT, DTW, TAM).

Great Horned Owl

EA: 28 Mar, Montrose H (BH). **MC**: 4 (ad. with 3 young), Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK); 3, Kankakee Co, 4 & 29 Apr (JBH); 2, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (SDB, DTW, CAT, TAM). **Others**: 5 Mar, Jackson Co (KAM); 30 Mar & 13 Apr, Chau (RGB, SNB); 1 Apr, Carl.B (KAM); 10 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 5 May, L Shelb.M (TAM).

Snowy Owl

LD: Winter-2 Mar, Livingston Co (MEF).

Barred Owl

MC: 16, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 6, Clinton Co, 22 Apr (DMK); 4, Mermet L, 24 Apr (KAM); 4, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM); 4, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **Others**: 17 Mar (2), Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 11 May (3), Chau (RGB, SNB).

Long-eared Owl

EA: 8 Mar, Montrose H (DSS); 9 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 22 Mar, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 1 Apr (2), JP (SF, PRC). **MC**: 7, Carl.F, 17 Mar (DMK); 2, Urbana (Champaign Co), 9 Mar (SDB); 2, Montrose H, 25-27 Mar (RDH, GAW, m.ob.); 2, Carl.C, 30 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 24 Mar-15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 8 Apr, JP (PRC); 1 Apr, Carl.F (DMK, TAM); 28 Mar, Montrose H (BH); 25 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 8 Mar, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK).

Short-eared Owl

EA: 13 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **38**, Peabody River King FWA (St. Clair Co), 3 & 7 Mar (TUM, TJD) - **record spring high count**; multiple counts exceeding 30 birds were tallied throughout March at this location, which can be largely attributed to a lingering wintering population; 4, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 5 Mar (AS *fide* DTW); 4, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 8 Mar (DMK); 3, PrRdg, 8 Mar (RES); 3, Montrose H, 22 Mar (GAW); 2, Monticello Rd Field Station (Champaign Co), 8 Mar (SDB). **LD**: 28 Apr, Northerly I (REF); 22 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 29 Mar, Peabody River King FWA (St. Clair Co) (TUM); 26 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 25 Mar, Ferrin (Clinton Co) (DMK).

American Crow attacking Long-eared Owl at Montrose, Cook County. 25 March 2007. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 2 Apr, Chi (JS, EJT:ph); 8 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 28 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM, DMK, MS); 28 Apr, Wildcat Bluff (Johnson Co) (TAM, SDB, CAT, DTW); 30 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 5 May, n. of Somonauk (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 5 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 May, Rockfd (DTW); 9 May, Downers Grove (REF); 15 May (male), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC**: 65+, HL, 12 May (KAM, DMK); 30+, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 17 May (KAM); 7, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF); 3, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 24 Apr (3), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM). **MC**: 4, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 6 May (JDC); 2, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR). **Others**: 28 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (SDB, DTW, TAM, CAT).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 2 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **MC**: 12, Jackson Co, 5 May

(RMR); 7, IBSP, 7 May (EWW); 6, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 3, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK). **LD**: 7 May (female), JP (SLC); 2 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **Others**: 5 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 19 May, IBSP (KAM). **Remarks**: Several rural birders remarked at their rarity this spring and absent from sites previously found (LBH).

Chimney Swift

EA: **26 Mar** (3), Coles Co (LT, RRL); **26 Mar** (10), Johnson Co (KAM); 3 Apr (3), Swansea (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 Apr (2), Forest Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 20 Apr (3), Shelby Co (KAF) 21 Apr (5), JP (PRC). **MC**: 60, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 20 May (DMK); 55, JP, 5 May (PRC et al.); 50+, Granite City (Madison Co), 12 May (KAM); 45, Murphysboro (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 36, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: **5-10 Apr** (male), Massac Co (FKB); 22 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH); 28 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 1 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 May, Rockfd (BCW); 8 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **90**, Mode (Shelby Co), 8 May (KAF) - **record high spring count**; **70**, Union Co, 5 May (VMK) - **second highest spring count**; 20, Hickory Ridge Rd (Jackson Co), 30 May (RMR); 5, Monroe Co, 12 May (DJ); 4, Montrose H, 17 May (KAM). **LD**: 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 15 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks**: Previous spring high count was 60 set at the same Shelby County location on 15 May 2005.

Olive-sided Flycatcher with sphinx moth. Whiteside County. 27 May 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Rufous Hummingbird

LD: 13 Apr (banded 1st year female, present since Nov 2006), se. of Equality (Gallatin Co) (JM, CH, KAM et al.). This species has been removed from IORC review list, but we strongly encourage documentation of all hummingbird records other than Ruby-throated Hummingbird during its normal date-span of occurrence.

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 14 Mar, Downers Grove (REF); 19 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 21 Mar (2 - male, female), JP (PRC, KMC); 25 Mar, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DJS). **MC**: 5, Mermet L, 12 Apr (KAM); 3, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 23 Apr (*fide* AP); 3, L Shelb.M, 5 May (TAM); 2, Carl.F, 22 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 15 May, JP (PRC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 May (2), JP (PRC, SLC). **MC**: 17, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 12, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 9, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 4, Monroe Co, 17 May (DJ). **LD**: 15 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 10 May (2), JP (SLC). **Others**: 26 Mar, JP (KMC) - perhaps a locally wandering indivdual (PRC).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 21 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 22, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 20, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 18, Monroe Co, 5 May (TUM); 17, Massac Co, 2 Apr (KAM); 12, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 3, JP, 30 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 8 May, JP (PRC, JSR). **Remarks**: Three collisions were noted at Chicago from 5-12 May.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: **8 Mar**, Carl.C (DMK); **9 Mar**, Jasper Co (CLH); 24 Mar, LCal (WJM); 25 Mar, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 25 Mar (6), JP (SF, PRC); 26 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 Mar, Sand Ridge (Adams Co) (AGD); 3 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 15, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 21 Apr (*fide* AP); 13, LeVasseur P, 19 Apr (JBH); 8, JP, 3 Apr (PRC); 6, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Apr (DTW); 6, M.Arb, 7 Apr (UWG). **LD**: 19 May (nesting pair), Spring L (Carroll Co) (TAM, SDB, IOS); 19 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 5 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 29 Apr, Sand Run L (White Co) (EWW); 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK, MS); 21 Apr (window kill), Urbana (Champaign Co) (DMK); 12 Apr, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 11, Massac Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 11, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 10, LeVasseur P, 17 Apr (JBH).

Hairy Woodpecker

EA: 29 Apr (2), JP (*fide* PRC). **MC**: 5, Ft Massac, 26 Mar (KAM); 5, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 4, Kankakee Co, 2 Apr, 2 & 28 May (JBH); 3, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW). **LD**: 9 May, Linc. P (SJH). **Other**: 5 Mar (male), Boone Co (AEB).

Northern Flicker

EA: 21 Mar, JP (PRC); 27 Mar, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **MC**: 59, Chi, 1 Apr (GAW); 59, JP, 3 Apr (PRC); 28, LeVasseur P, 22 Mar (JBH); 11, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 9, Massac Co, 19 Mar (KAM); 6, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 6 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, JP (PRC, SLC).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 12, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 12, Cave Crk Valley (Jackson Co), 27 May (RMR); 7, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 5, Pomona (Jackson Co), 5 Mar (KAM); 4, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 3, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 2, Chau, 22 Mar (RGB, SNB); 2, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 5 Apr (AGD). **Others**: 18 Mar (female), Teason Wds FP (Cook Co) (REF); 25 Apr & 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 28 May (2), Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 30 Apr, Merwin NPsv (McLean Co) (MJW); 7 May, JP (SLC); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW); 11 May, Big Bend SP (Whiteside Co) (DJS); 13 May, Clay Co (CLH); 19 May (ad.), Pomona (Jackson Co) (CLH, VMK et al.). **MC**: 2, Mackinaw Bluffs, 13 May (MJW); 2, Waterfall Glen FP, 24 May (REF); 2, JP, 27 May (PRC). **LD**: 1 Jun, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 1 Jun, LeVasseur P (JBH:ph); 25-29 May, Downers Grove (REF); 29 May, JP (PRC, KMC); 29 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 20 May, Pulaski Co (CLH, VMK et al.).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 24 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 4 May (3), L Shelb.M (TAM); 4 May, Shelby Co (KAF); 5 May (4), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF, MJW); 8 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (5), LeVasseur P (JBH); 9 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 20, Chi, 27 May (GAW); 18, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 16, HLCA, 11 May (KAM).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (JDC); 11 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 13 May, n. of Coulterville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW et al.); 16 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 7, Linc. P, 26 & 27 May (GAW); 2, JP, 24 May (PRC, SF). **LD**: 8 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **Other**: An undocumented report from 22 Apr is suppressed here in light of idenfication pitfalls within the genus *Empidonax*, coupled with the unprecedented date; the earliest date in previous seasonal summaries for this late-arriving migrant is 4 May (see Remarks in Vol. 9.4, page 151).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 20 Apr (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 26 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 11 May, Rockfd (BCW); 15 May, JP (PRC). **MC**: **37**, Caney Crk (Jackson Co), 26 May (RMR); 33, South Ripple Hollow (Alexander Co), 28 May (RMR); 8, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co), 28 May (TJD); 5, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW).

"Traill's Flycatcher"

EA: 14 May, JP (PRC). **MC**: 13, JP, 24 May (KMC, PRC).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: **5 May**, HL (FRH) - **record early arrival** by one day; 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS); 15 May (2), JP (PRC); 18 May, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (CLH); 19 May, Montrose H (KAM). **MC**: 8, IBSP, 9 Jun (EWW); 7, Montrose H, 31 May (GAW). **LD**: 17 Jun (2), IBSP (EWW); 9 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 3 Jun, Rock Cut (DTW); 28 May, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 27 May, EStL (DMK, FRH).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Coles Co (LBH); 7 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, EStL (KAM); 15 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 15 May (2), JP (PRC). **MC**: 11, Montrose H, 22 May (GAW); 4, LeVasseur P, 30 May (JBH); 3 (males), JP, 28-29 May (PRC). **Others**: 24 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (2), LCal (CAM).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 28 Apr, Beall Wds (EWW); 28 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK, MS); 30 Apr, JP (OSM); 29 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 4 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 14, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 11, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 7, IBSP, 22 May (EWW); 6, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 6, Montrose

H, 19 May (KAM); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 28 May (2), LCal (CAM); 19 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 2 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 3 Mar, Coles Co (DMt) - ties for record early Coles Co arrival (LBH); 9 Mar, JP (PRC); 11 Mar, Cobb P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 14 Mar (4), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 19 Mar, Rockfd (BCW). **MC**: 12, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 10, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 10, Clinton Co, 5 May (DMK); 8, Boone Co, 4 Apr (AEB); 8, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 Apr (MEF). **LD**: 14 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May, JP (AA).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 18 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 22 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM): 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH); 30 Apr, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW); 1 May, JP (KMC). **MC**: 22, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 13, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 12, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 4, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 14 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 30 May, JP (PRC, KMC).

Western Kingbird

EA: **13 Apr**-5 May, Massac Co (FKB) - **record early arrival** by one day. **MC**: 5, Madison Co, 30 Apr (FRH). **LD**: 9 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 22 May, Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (JK). **Others**: 6 & 27 May, EStL (DMK, FRH); 12 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (KAM, DMK); 27 May, Levee Rd & B Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, DJ et al.).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: **4 Apr**, Massac Co (FKB) - **record early arrival** by three days; 13 Apr (2), Limekiln Slough (Pulaski Co) (KAM); 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr, Rockfd (BCW). **MC**: 40, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK); 25, Greene Vly FP, 17 May (REF); 18, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 14, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 14, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 12, Rollins Svna, 17 May (KAM).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, HLCA (ID:ph et al.) - **2nd county record**.

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 29 Mar, Montrose H (RC:ph). **MC**: 3, Jasper Co, 8 Mar (RES); 3, Edwards Co, 5 May (JDC); 3, Wayne Co, 4 May (JDC). **Others**: 17 Mar, e. of Baldwin L (Randolph Co) (TJD); 22 Mar, Crab Or. (KAM); 24 Mar-26 May (2), Monterey Mine (Clinton Co) (DMK et al.); 25 Mar-26 May (2), Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 30 Mar-20 May, Freund Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 31 Mar, Shattuc Rd (DMK); 7 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 15 Apr-5 May (2), Creek Rd (DMK); 29 Apr, Odum Spur (Franklin Co) (EWW); 29 Apr, Pulaski Co (GAW); 7 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 19 May, Thomas-Fulton Sand Pr NPsv (Whiteside Co) (DTW, IOS); 19-20 May (pair), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DGW, IOS); 20 May (pair), Massac Co (FKB, CLH, VMK et al.)

Northern Shrike

EA: 12 Mar, Montrose H (OHM). **LD**: 25 Mar (imm.), Montrose H (AB, GAW, LGM, KH et al.); winter-18 Mar (ad.), Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MJW, MEF et al.); 18 Mar (2), Rollins Svna (JRS, MJF); winter-18 Mar, North Point Marina (Lake Co) (RE, NL); 17 Mar, Buckley Rd (Lake Co) (DBJ); 4-10 Mar (ad.), Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (CMA, DFS); 6 Mar, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (SS); winter-8 Mar (2 on 5 Mar), Greene Vly FP (JAS); 3-4 Mar, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (DTW, EWW et al.); 4 Mar, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: **2 Apr**, Mermet L (KAM); 8 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 18 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 24 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 26, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 24, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 10, Carl.C, 22 Apr (DMK); 4, Waterfall Glen FP, 3 May (REF). **LD**: 9-10 May, Linc. P (SJH).

Bell's Vireo

EA: **24 Apr**, Carl.C (KAM) - **second earliest IL arrival date**; **26 Apr**, Merwin NPsv (McLean Co) (DEB *fide* MEF) - **third earliest IL arrival date**; **28 Apr**, Johnson Co (KAM, DMK, MS); 29 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 29 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4-5 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 14 May, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 12, w. of DeSoto (Jackson Co), 5 May (RMR); 4, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 4, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM, RSH); 4 (singing), Johnson Co, 20 May (VMK, CLH et al.). **LD**: **27 May**, Montrose H (DPBC). **Others**: 7 May, EStL (KAM); 10 May (singing), Brown Co (VMK, RQR).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 7 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 27 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW); 5 May, JP (SLC, PRC). **MC**: 11, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 10, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 8, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 4, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH). **LD**: 14 May, JP (PRC); 8 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 22 Apr, JP (PRC); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 27 Apr, Kinmundy (Marion Co) (EWW); 4 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 6, Evanston (Cook Co), 30 Apr (JIE); 4, Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co), 5 May (UWG); 2, Ft Massac, 26 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 27 May, JP (GD, SAD); 27 May, Linc. P (GAW); 22 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS).

Warbling Vireo

EA: **2 Apr**, Mermet L (KAM) - **record early arrival** by four days; 17 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 23 Apr (4), Shelby Co (KAF); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 28 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: **105**, in 10.8 mile stretch at Chau, 18 May (RGB, SNB) - **easy record high count** (formerly 77 birds at Union Co, 4 May 1991, and otherwise <50); 17, JP, 28 May (PRC); 15, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: **23 Apr**, Shelby Co (KAF) - **record early IL arrival** by one day; 28 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (SDB, DTW, TAM); 29 Apr, Fox R (La Salle Co) (DJS et al.); 8 May, JP (PRC, SLC); 12 May (2), Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM, DMK); 13 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 22 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK); 20 May, JP (PRC); 17 May, Downers Grove (REF).

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 21 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 21 Apr (4), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 21 Apr, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Fox R (La Salle Co) (DJS et al.); 8 May, JP (PRC, SLC). **MC**: 23, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 17, Chi, 27 May (GAW); 14, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH). **LD**: 30 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

Blue Jay

EA: 28 Apr (2), JP (PRC, KMC); 30 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 30 Apr (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 128, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 119, Linc. P, 27 May (GAW); 46, Quincy (Adams Co), 29 Apr (AGD); 41, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 27, Carl.C, 30 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 9 Jun (6), Montrose H (GAW); 31 May, JP (PRC).

American Crow

MC: 465, w. Hancock Co, 7 Mar (AGD); 41, LeVasseur P, 5 Mar (JBH); 40, Jefferson Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 30, Effingham Co, 7 Apr (KAM); 25, JP, 11 Mar (PRC).

Fish Crow

EA: 5 Mar, Mermet L (KAM); 10 Mar, Sparta (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 30 Mar (3), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD); 13 Apr, Flag Pond (Clay Co) (JWW, TLE). **MC**: 16, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 8 Apr (DMK); 15, Bellrose Rsv, 22 Apr (KAM); 8, Cave Crk Valley (Jackson Co), 27 May (RMR); 6, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 25 & 26 Mar (TJD, TUM). **Others**: 22 Mar (2), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 12 Apr, Gallatin Co (JDC); 12 May (3), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS). [**Extralimital**: 21 Apr (2), Sangamon Co].

Horned Lark

EA: 11 Mar (2), JP (PRC, JSM). **MC**: 85, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 55, w. Adams Co, 7 Mar (AGD); 24, PrRdg, 7 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 21 Mar, JP (PRC).

Purple Martin

EA: 10 Mar, Johnson Co (FKB); 11 Mar, Shelby Co (KAF); 12 Mar, Carl.C (CLH); 19 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 21 Apr (3), JP (PRC, m.ob.). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 36, Durand (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 18, JP, 31 May (JBH). **LD**: 24 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks**: Their April 23 return tied 1993 for latest date. Median arrival date is 31 Mar for Coles County (LBH).

Tree Swallow

EA: 2 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 5 Mar (2), Crab Or. (KAM); 9 Mar, Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (DMt) - record early Coles Co arrival by 3 days (LBH); 9 Mar (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair

Co) (TJD); 11 Mar, JP (PRC); 11 Mar (4), Goose L Pr SNA (Will Co) (CMA); 12 Mar (2), Rockfd (DTW); 12 Mar, Greene Vly FP (REF). **MC**: 800+, Crab Or., 13 Apr (KAM); 350 (roost), LCal, 26 Mar (WJM); 120, Carl.C, 22 Apr (DMK); 105, Rock Cut, 6 Apr (DTW); 74, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **LD**: 8 May, JP (PRC, SLC).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: **19 Mar**, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM) - second earliest IL arrival date; 25 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 31 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 Apr (4), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 15 Apr, JP (PRC, KMC); 20 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 60 (breeding colony), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 May (DMK); 45, Mermet L, 7 Apr (KAM); 44, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH); 37, Chi, 27 May (GAW).

Bank Swallow

EA: 20 Apr (25+), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 21 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (6), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr (8), JP (PRC). **MC**: 400 (breeding colony), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 May (DMK); 120 (57 nest holes), Rockfd airport quarry, 13 May (DTW); 20+, Kane Co, 18 May (KAM); 20, JP, 25 May (PRC).

Cliff Swallow

EA: **24 Mar**, Golconda (Pope Co) (EWW) - second earliest IL arrival date; **1 Apr**, Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW); 2 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 10 Apr, Columbia (Monroe Co) (DMK); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC). **MC**: 200, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 180+, L&D#21 (Adams Co), 15 May (AGD); 96, Massac Co, 26 Apr (KAM); 60, Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co), 10 May (DTW). **LD**: 27 May (2), Chi (GAW).

Barn Swallow

EA: 20 Mar, Freeburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Mar, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 31 Mar, Richland Co (CLH); 18 Apr (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 19 Apr, JP (PKD). **MC**: 64, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC); 60, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK); 40, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW); 15, Alexander Co, 26 Apr (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 28, Massac Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 12, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 19 May (DMK); 7, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **Others**: 25 Apr (pair), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 18, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 12, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 8, LeVasseur P, 16 Mar (JBH); 6, JP, 10-11 Mar (PRC).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 36, Massac Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 23, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co), 20 May (RMR); 12, Carl.C, 30 Mar-22 Apr (DMK); 11, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 7, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

LD: 18 May, Montrose H (KAM); winter-29 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 22 Apr, Waterfall Glen FP (UWG). **Others**: 17 Mar, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DFS); 7 Apr, M.Arb (UWG).

White-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 30-31 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 21 Apr (male), JP (PRC). **MC**: 10, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 8, LeVasseur P, 18 Mar (JBH); 6, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 2, JP, 8 May (SLC, PRC).

Brown Creeper

EA: 23 Mar (3), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 24 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar (3), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 31 Mar (2), Rockfd (DTW); 31 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 29 & 26, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 21 & 3 Apr, respectively (*fide* AP); 12, Linc. P, 31 Mar (GAW); 12, Merwin NPsv (McLean Co), 3 Apr (MJW); 10, Waterfall Glen FP, 17 Apr (UWG). **LD**: 14 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 6 May, JP (JSM, PRC); 20 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 7 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM). **Others**: 20 May (5 - family group), Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co) (VMK, CLH et al.). **Remarks**: A total of 167 Brown Creeper collisions were noted during monitoring in Chicago from 23 March through 23 April.

Carolina Wren

MC: 37, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 26, Massac Co, 12 Apr (KAM); 22, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 7, Fox R (La Salle Co), 29 Apr (DJS); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **Others**: 22 Apr, Palos (UWG); 20 May, Miss. Pal. (UWG, IOS); 21 May (singing), Bowen P (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD).

House Wren

EA: 9 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 13 Apr, Saline Co (KAM); 18 Apr (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 22 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB); 22 Apr, JP (PRC); 22 Apr, McDonough Co (LLH). **MC**: 40, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 24, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 15, Clinton Co, 30 Apr & 5 May (KAM, DMK); 14, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 6, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 3 Jun (male), JP (PRC).

Winter Wren

EA: 17 Mar (2), Beall Wds (CLH); 22 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar, Linc. P (GAW); 28 Mar, JP (PRC); 3 Apr (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 8 Apr (2), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD). **MC**: 6, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 7 Apr (MJW); 4, Ft Massac, 26 Mar (KAM); 3, LeVasseur P, 26 Mar (JBH); 2, JP, 3 Apr (PRC, PJP). **LD**: **20 May** (singing), Cedar Crk (**Jackson Co**) (RMR); 8 May, JP (SLC); 7 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 5 May, Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (*UWG); 22 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 14 Apr (2), Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co) (AEB).

Sedge Wren

EA: **23 Mar** (2), PrRdg (CLH) - **record early arrival** by three days; **26 Mar**, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM) - ties 2005 for **second earliest arrival**; 28 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW); 6 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **MC**: 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 5, Montrose H, 1 May (GAW); 4, Rollins Svna, 17 May (KAM). **LD**: 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 9 May, JP (KMC).

Marsh Wren

EA: 17 Apr, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (TAM); 24 Apr, Carl.C (KAM); 29 Apr, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 30 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 1 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 5 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW); 8 May, JP (SLC). **MC**: 6, Spunky Btms (Brown Co), 28 Apr (TW); 6, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 28 Apr (TJD); 6, Montrose H, 1 May (GAW). **LD**: 21 May (2), PrRdg (CLH, RES); 19 May, McCormick Place, Chi (SJH, KRW); 14 May, JP (PRC); 5 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 10 Mar, Jersey Co (GAW); 14 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 Mar, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 22 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 36, Rock Cut, 3 Apr (DTW); 24, IBSP, 3 Apr (EWW); 13, Linc. P, 31 Mar (GAW); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 25 Mar (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 7 May, Downers Grove (REF); 6 May, JP (PRC, SLC); 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 21 Apr (3), Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 2 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 24-25 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK). **Remarks**: Low numbers at JP (PRC).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 25 Mar, JP (SF); 26 Mar, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 28 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 31 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 2 Apr (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 7 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 27, Montrose H, 11 May (GAW); 17, LeVasseur P, 23 Apr (JBH); 6, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 22 Apr (LLH); 6, Carl.C, 22 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, Hennepin Canal (Whiteside Co) (UWG); 16 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 5 May (2), Moultrie Co (TAM). **Other**: 5 Mar, UCCA (KAM).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: **26 Mar**, Pulaski Co (KAM); **26 Mar** (2), Ft Massac (KAM) - **record early for s. IL and second earliest for state**; 30 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); **1 Apr**, JP (EDG) - second earliest for n. IL; 1 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, Waterfall Glen FP (REF). **MC**: 70, Ft Massac, 26 Apr (KAM); 39, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 31, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 17, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC); 13, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 2 Jun, Linc. P (GAW); 16 May (3), JP (PRC).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 10 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 11 Mar (male), JP (PRC, JSM); 25 Mar (5), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 16, Massac Co, 26 Mar (KAM); 13, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 16 Mar (DTW); 10, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 4 (3 males, 1 female), JP, 13 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 30 May, Linc. P (GAW); 22 May (male), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

Veery

EA: 24 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 27 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 27 Apr, Union Co (TAM, SDB); 1 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 5 May (2), Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 5 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM). **MC**: 9, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 7, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 7, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 17 May (KAM); 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 29 May (nocturnal migrant), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 27 May (3), JP (PRC); 20 May, Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co) (CLH); 19 May, Galena (Jo Daviess Co) (DTW, IOS).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH); 1 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 4 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 4 May, HL (KAM); 5 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 6, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 5, JP, 8 May (SLC, PRC). **LD**: 29 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 May (3 nocturnal

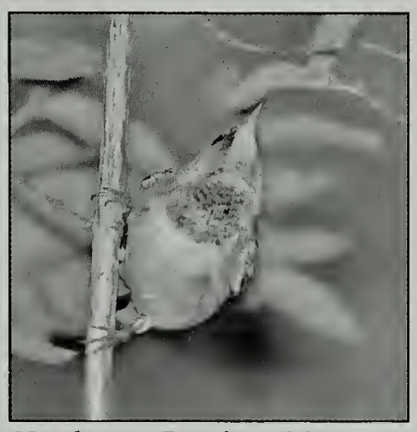
migrants), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 28 May (2), JP (PRC); 27 May, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 13 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 22 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 45, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 28, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 23, Linc. P, 22 May (GAW); 14, LeVasseur P, 26 May (JBH); 12, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 8 Jun, Linc. P (GAW); 30 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 May, Downers Grove (REF); 29 May (12+), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 27 May (4), EStL (DMK, FRH); 20 May (several), Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 26 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar, Ft Massac (KAM); 1 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 12, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Apr (DTW); 9, JP, 5 May (PRC); 7, LeVasseur P, 5 Apr (JBH); 5, M.Arb, 7 Apr (UWG). **LD**: 10 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (VMK, RQR); 9 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 5 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 May, Greene Vly FP (JDC); 27 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 20 Apr (3), Shelby Co (KAF); 6 Apr, Carl.B (DMK). **Others**: 5 Mar, UCCA (KAM); 7 Mar (3), Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr (2, 1 **singing**), Binnie Wds (Kane Co) (*KML).



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Wood Thrush

EA: 22 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 22 Apr (4), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 27 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 27 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW); 1 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 16, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 14, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 12, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 10, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 9, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 8 May (*fide* AP); 4, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 26 May (UWG). **LD**: 30 May-3 Jun (male), JP (PRC et al.); 27 May (female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

American Robin

EA: 9 Mar (170), JP (PRC). **MC**: 400, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 370, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 85, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 16 Mar (KAM); 75, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co), 5 Apr (JBH); 65, Crab Or., 22 Mar (KAM); 34, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **LD**: 28 Apr (6), JP (PRC).

[VARIED THRUSH

LD: Winter-17 Mar (female), Ogle Co].

Gray Catbird

EA: 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Apr (4), Carl.C (KAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH); 29 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 30 Apr, JP (KDA). **MC**: 48, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 40, Carl.C, 13 May (DMK); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 20, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 15, Wauk., 8 May (EWW). **LD**: 30 May (male), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 28 May (18), PRC).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: 14 Apr, Greene Vly FP (UWG); 22 Apr, Montrose H (JWL). **MC**: 8, Massac Co, 2 Apr (KAM); 5, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 11 Mar (KAM); 3, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 5 May (JBH). **LD**: 8 May, JP (JSR); 8 May, South Shore Cultural Center, Chi (SLC) - perhaps the same individual. **Others**: Winter - 13 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 18 May, IBSP (EWW); 19-20 May (2), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (UWG, DGW, IOS).

Brown Thrasher

EA: 7 Mar (overwintered?), Boone Co (AEB); 9 Mar (overwintered?), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Mar (3), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 21 Mar, Shelby Co (KAF); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 3 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 21, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 20, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 18, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 13, JP, 29 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 12 Jun, Linc. P (GAW); 8 May (4), JP (PRC, SLC).

European Starling

EA: 9 Mar (47), JP (PRC). **MC**: **10,000**, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 700 (roost), LCal, 26 Mar (WJM); 243, Linc. P, 31 Mar (GAW); 170, JP, 14 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 8 May (3), JP (PRC, SLC).

American Pipit

EA: 3 Mar (12+), AMAX (CLH); 8 Mar (22), Carl.C (DMK); 9 Mar, Urbana (Champaign Co) (SDB); 9 Mar, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Mar, JP (PRC); 17 Mar, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 Mar (3), Pulaski Co (KAM); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 12 Apr, DeKalb Co (REF); 15 Apr, Iroquois Co (UWG). **MC**: **400**, Carl.C, 15 Apr (DMK); 159, PrRdg, 7 Apr (KAM); 120, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 60, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 17 Mar (TJD); 10, Carl.F, 24 Apr (KAM); 9, Montrose H, 11 May (GAW). **LD**: 26 May, Campbells Airport (Lake Co) (JSS); 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 19 May, Wauk. (KAM); 13 May, JP (SLC, PRC); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (3), Kendall Co (DJS); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Apr, Gorham (Jackson Co) (SDB, DTW, CAT, TAM). **Others**: 7 Apr (2), Monroe Co (DJ).

Cedar Waxwing (first passage)

EA: 16 Feb (11), Kankakee (JBH); 18 Feb (3), Baldwin L (Randolph/St. Clair Cos) (KAM); 1 Mar (15), Decatur (TAM); 3 Mar (12), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 81, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 3 Mar (TJD); 25, Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (KAM).

Cedar Waxwing (second passage)

EA: 28 Apr (10), JP (KMC). **MC**: 194, LeVasseur P, 22 May (JBH); 120, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 110, Montrose, 24 May (GAW); 86, JP, 25 May (PRC); 60, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 21 May (DMK); "Dozens, some large flocks", Jackson, Massac, Union Cos, 18-20 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 47, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF); 35, Nason, Rend L, 11 May (TJD); 30+, St. Clair Co, 25 May (KAM).

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 21 Apr (4), Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 30 Apr (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 4 May (2), Moultrie Co (TAM); 5 May (2), nw. Cook Co (GAW); 5 May (male), JP (SLC, PRC); 5 May, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 7, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 4, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 20 May, Miss. Pal. (UWG, IOS); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 May (male), JP (PRC, SLC).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 5 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 5 May, nw. Cook Co (GAW); 5 May, Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 9 May, JP (OSM, PRC). **MC**: 6, L Shelb.M, 4 May (TAM); 5, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 4, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH). **LD**: 22 May, IBSP (EWW); 19 May (2), Montrose H (KAM); 10 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 23 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr (2 males), JP (OSM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 2 May (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 5 May (2), nw. Cook Co (GAW). **MC**: 69, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 55, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 46, Jackson Co, 27 Apr (KAM); 11, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 27 May (male), JP (PRC); 26 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 May, Downers Grove (REF); 20 May, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 20 May (4), Carl.C (DMK).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: **2 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 3, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW). **LD**: 21 May, Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 16 May, JP (PRC); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May, HL (KAM); 4 May, Moultrie Co (TAM); 27 Apr (male), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (TAM, DTW); 22 Apr, McDonough Co (LLH).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 21 Apr (3), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS et al.); 22 Apr (6), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr (2), Linc. P (GAW); 26 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 2 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 26, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 22, Jackson Co, 27 Apr (KAM); 16, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH); 16, Linc. P, 9 May (GAW). **LD**: 29 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 28 May, LCal (CAM); 18 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 May (2), Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 5 May (3), Carl.C (DMK).

Northern Parula

EA: **25 Mar**, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (EWW) - ties for **third earliest IL arrival date**; **26 Mar**, Miss. Pal. (AS) - **record early arrival for n. IL** by three days; **26 Mar** (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 1 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 18 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 20 Apr (female), Kankakee (JBH); 22 Apr, Elmwood Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW); 5 May, JP (AA). **MC**: 34, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 29, Massac Co, 22 Apr (KAM); 21, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW);

16, Fox R (La Salle Co), 29 Apr (DJS et al.) - record spring high count for n. IL; 16, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF) - ties previous spring high count for c. IL; 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW). **LD**: 28 May (2 males), JP (PRC).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 28 Apr (3), JP (KMC et al.); 28 Apr (pair), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May (4), Rock Cut (DTW); 1 May, Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC**: 28, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 24, Jackson Co, 27 Apr (KAM); 22, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 20, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK). **LD**: 28 May (male), JP (PRC).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: 1 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (2), Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 5 May (3), Shelby Co (KAF); 8 May (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 11, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 10, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 4, LCal, 28 May (CAM). **LD**: 5 Jun (male), JP (PJP); 2 Jun, Beall Wds (CLH); 28 May (2), Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 2 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May, Sannauk FP (DJS); 5 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 5 May (male), JP (SLC et al.); 5 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 5 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RSH). **MC**: 75, Linc. P, 15 May (GN et al.) - **second highest IL spring tally**; 19, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 16, JP, 16 May (PRC); 10, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 17 May (KAM). **LD**: 9 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 7 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 30 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 20 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 27 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 5 May (3), JP (SLC et al.); 7 May, Clay/Wayne Cos (CLH); 8 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 9 May, Downers Grove (REF). **MC**: 16, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 8, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 4, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH). **LD**: **17 Jun**, Rockfd (*BCW) - **record spring late date**; 2 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (KAM); 14 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 5 May (male), IBSP (EWW, m.ob.); 5 May (2 males), JP (KMC, PRC et al.); 5 May, Shelby Co (KAF); 6 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (DRD et al.). **MC**: 5, JP, 12 May (SF); 2, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi, 8 May (DTW); 2, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW). **LD**: 31 May, Montrose H (KH); 23 May (female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 23 May (female), JP (PRC); 20 May, Miss. Pal. (GAW, IOS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: 28 Mar, JP (KMC); 1 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 3 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 Apr (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 7 Apr, M.Arb (UWG); 8 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 135, LeVasseur P, 30 Apr (JBH); 99, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 83, Linc. P, 25 Apr (GAW); 80, HL, 4 May (KAM); 9, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 9 Jun, Linc. P (AB); 25 May, JP (PRC); 16 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (12), Carl.C (DMK); 11 May, Nason, Rend L (TJD). **Other** (*D.c. auduboni* - "**Audubon's**" **Warbler** - western subspecies): 6 Apr (female), Carl.C (DMK).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 25 Apr, Linc. P (GAW); 29 Apr (male), Kankakee Co (JBH); 2 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 22 (19 males, 3 females), JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 15, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 7, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK). **LD**: 29 May, JP (KMC); 26 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Somonauk (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 26 May, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 13 May, Carl.C (DMK).

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

EA: 5-9 May (ad. male), LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (MF, KH:ph, JG:ph, CT:ph, EES:ph, MRK, KK, m.ob.).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 28 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (TAM, DTW, SDB, CAT); 30 Apr, Clinton Co (KAM); 1 May, L Storey (Knox Co) (PR); 5 May, Rockfd (BCW); 5 May (2), nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH). **MC**: 14, Linc. P, 22 May (GAW); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MJW); 5, L Shelb.M, 4 May (TAM); 5 (males), JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 4, Rockfd, 10 May (DTW). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (SJH); 2 Jun (2 - 1 male, 1 female), JP (CBA); 27 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 20 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 26 Mar (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 31 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 31 Mar, Beall Wds (CLH); 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 23 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 29 Apr, JP (REF); 1 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW) - 3rd year in a row for an individual that sings a Cerulean Warbler song (DTW). **MC**: 9, Fox R (La Salle Co), 29 Apr (DJS et al.); 9, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 7, Ft Massac, 2 Apr (KAM); 7, HLCA, 26 Apr (KAM); 7, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 3, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co), 13 May (TJD). **Others**: 20 May, Miss. Pal. (UWG, TAM, IOS).

Pine Warbler

EA: **2-8 Mar** (at feeder), Normal (McLean Co) (NC:ph *fide* MJW) - **record early arrival for c. IL**, unless wintered locally; 5 Mar (3), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 10 Mar (2), Sparta (St. Clair Co) (TJD); **13 Mar** (migrant?), Rockfd (DTW); 31 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, JP (PKD). **MC**: 9, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 8, Pounds Hollow (Hardin Co), 29 Apr (EWW); 7, Jackson Co, 22 Mar (KAM); 5, JP, 6 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 13 May, M.Arb (UWG); 12 May, IBSP (EWW); 10 May (female), JP (SLC, PRC); 6 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (DRD); 5 May, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr, Long Reach Rd (Pulaski Co) (DTW, TAM); 23 Apr, Evergreen L (Mclean Co) (MJW). **Others**: 6 Apr, Jasper Co (CLH); 18 Apr, Downers Grove (REF).

Prairie Warbler

EA: 13 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co) (KAM). **MC**: 6, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 3, Union Co, 25 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 3 Jun (singing male), IBSP (EWW); 27 May (singing male), Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 27 May (singing male), Miller-Anderson Wds SNPsv (Bureau Co) (EWW); 16 May (male), JP (PRC); 7 May (male), Decatur (MFD); 5 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Palm Warbler

EA: 21 Apr, Montrose H (SJH); 22 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 22 Apr, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 22 Apr, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 22 Apr (6), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 2 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 129, Linc. P, 15 May (GN); 78, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 67, Wood Ridge FP (Du Page Co), 5 May (REF); 32, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 20, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 18, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 18, Union Co, 5 May (VMK). **LD**: 28 May, JP (PJP); 19 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 13 May, M.Arb (UWG).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 28 Apr (male), Larue-Pine Hills (DTW); 5 May (male), L Shelb.M (TAM); 6 May (male), JP (CBA); 6 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 12, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 4, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW); 4, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 14 May (*fide* AP). **LD**: 28 May, LCal (CAM); 26 May, Linc. P (GAW); 22 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 21 May (male & female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May (4), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF, MJW); 8 May (4), Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (2), Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 15 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 21, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM); 18, Linc. P, 22 May (GAW); 8, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 5, Nason, Rend L, 11 May (TJD). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 31 May (male), JP (PRC); 27 May, EStL (DMK, FRH); 27 May (female), Kankakee Co (JBH); 27 May, Downers Grove (REF).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 21 Apr (2), Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 22 Apr, Germantown (Clinton Co) (DMK); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 1 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW); 5 May (female), Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 14 May (female), Montrose H (RDH, GAW). **MC**: 13, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co), 20 May (RMR); 13, Cave Crk Valley (Jackson Co), 27 May (RMR); 3, Rock Cut, as above; 3, Miss. Pal., 20 May (TAM, IOS). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose H (DPBC); 5 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RSH). **Others**: 29 Apr (male), Sandy Run L (White Co) (EWW); 5 May (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 19 May, Galena (Jo Daviess Co) (DTW); 19 May, McLaughery Springs, Palos (JIE et al.); 28 May (2), South Ripple Hollow (Alexander Co) (RMR).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 22 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 25 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 28 Apr, JP (WDE et al.). **MC**: 12, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 11, Maekinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 10, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 9, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 7, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 8 May (*fide* AP); 5, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 28 May (2), Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 28 May, LCal (CAM); 20 May, Miss. Pal. (TAM, IOS); 13 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

American Redstart

EA: 21 Apr, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 4 May (2), L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (ad. male), JP (PRC); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH). **MC**: 41, Montrose H & Linc. P, 14 May & 22 May, resp. (GAW); 34, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 17, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 9, Spring L (Carroll Co), 20 May (DTW, IOS); 6, Carl.C, 5 & 13 May (DMK). **LD**: 11 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 9 Jun (3), Montrose H (GAW); 27 May, EStL (DMK, FRH); 26 May, Downers Grove (REF).

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: **2 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM) - **record early IL arrival** by two days; 18 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (4), Carl.F (DMK); 5 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 8 May, Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (male), JP (KMC). **MC**: 24, Union Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 9, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JBH); 7, Chau, 18 May (RGB, SNB); 3, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 13 May (DTW). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose H (GAW, REF et al.); 19 May (male), JP (PKD *fide* KMC). **Others**: 13 May (2), Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 19 May, Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (SDB, DTW, IOS); 19 May, Montrose H (JH).

Worm-eating Warbler

EA: 21 Apr, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co) (RMR); 22 Apr (2), Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES). **MC**: 10, Larue-Pine Hills, 25 Apr (KAM); 3, se. Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 23 May (banded), SWAMP banding station, Skokie R NPsv (Cook Co) (CEG); 19 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co) (SJH, KRW). **Others**: 5 May (2), Monroe Co (DJ); 12 May, Effingham Co (CLH, RES).

Pine Warbler, Montrose, Cook County. 27 May 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Ovenbird

EA: 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr (2), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Apr, JP (PRC); 26 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 1 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 14, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH); 13, Caney Crk (Jackson Co), 26 May (RMR); 12, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 10, Chi, IIT Campus, 17 May (GAW); 5, Pounds Hollow (Hardin Co), 29 Apr (EWW); 5, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH). **LD**: 9 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW). **Remarks**: A total of 158 individuals were noted during collision monitoring in Chicago from 23 April through 31 May.

Northern Waterthrush

EA: **13 Apr**, JP (KMC); 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, Linc. P (GAW); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 2 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 16, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 15, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 14, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 11, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 28 May (2), JP (PRC); 26 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 May (2), Spring L (Tazewell Co) (KAM).

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: **18 Mar**, Shelby Co (KAF) - **record early arrival for c. IL and third earliest overall**; **20 Mar**, Massac Co (FKB); 22 Mar (4), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 30 Mar, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 6 Apr, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 13, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 9, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 8, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 25 Apr, Linc. P (GAW). **Others**: 22 Apr, Carl.F (DMK); 5 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 5 May, Moultrie Co (TAM).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 22 Apr (3), Ft Massae (KAM); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May (3), L Shelb.M (TAM); 16 May, Greene Vly FP (REF). **MC**: 23, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 9, Hardin Co, 29 Apr (EWW); 4, Greene Co, 8 May (JDC); 4, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co), 28 May (TJD); 3, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH); 2, Miss. Pal., 20 May (IOS). **LD**: 19 May, Montrose H (PM).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: **5 May**, Shelby Co (KAF) - ties 1984 and 1993 for **record early arrival for c. IL**; 9 May (male), McCormick Place, Chi (SLC); 13 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (DRD); 15 May, JP (GD). **MC**: 3, Montrose H, 22 May (GAW); 3, SWAMP banding station, Skokie R NPsv (Cook Co), 23 May (CEG); 2, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 24 May (*fide* AP). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 27 May (male), JP (PRC); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Milan (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 25 May, Downers Grove (REF).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 5 May (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 5 May (2), Monroe Co (DJ); 7 May (male), Decatur (MFD); 10 May (3 males), JP (SLC); 12 May, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (MJW); 20 May, Downers Grove (REF). **MC**: 6, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 4, LeVasseur P, 26 May (JBH). **LD**: 9 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (2 -1 male, 1 female), JP (PRC); 28 May (2), Ewing P (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 May (2), Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 26 May, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 20 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 21 Apr, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co) (RMR); 22 Apr (4), Carl.F (DMK); 23 Apr (male), JP (KDA); 23 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 28 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May (6), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 51, Jackson Co, 27 Apr (KAM); 31, Montrose H, 11 May (GAW); 29, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 22, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 20, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 2 Jun (female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

Hooded Warbler

EA: 21 Apr (3), Jackson Co (RMR); 22 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 23 Apr, Chi, IIT Campus (DB, GAW); 28 Apr (2), Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 4 May (male), L Shelb.M (TAM); 7 May (male), JP (PRC, SLC); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Rockfd (DTW); 16 May, Greene Vly FP (REF). **MC**: 11, Cedar Crk (Jackson Co), 20 May (RMR); 10, LaRue-Pine Hills, 28 Apr (SDB, TAM, DTW, CAT); 3, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 11 May (JBH). **LD**: 1 Jun, Rockfd (DTW); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May (female), L Shelb.M (TAM). **Others**: 29 Apr, Pounds Hollow (Hardin Co) (EWW); 8 May (female), JP (RLS); 16 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD); 18-20 May (male), Chestnut Mountain Resort (Jo Daviess Co) (IOS); 20 May (male), Miss. Pal. (IOS); 27 May, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS).

Wilson's Warbler

EA: 1 May (3 - 2 males, 1 female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May, Montrose H (GAW); 8 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (DTW); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 19 May, Spring L (Carroll Co) (SDB, GAW et al.). **MC**: 27, Chi, 27 May (GAW); 8, IBSP, 22 May (EWW); 7, LeVasseur P, 8 May (JBH); 4, Carl.C, 12 May (DMK, KAM, MS). **LD**: 6 Jun, JP (PRC); 26 May (5), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Downers Grove (REF); 20 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Canada Warbler

EA: 5 May (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 7 May, EStL (KAM); 8 May (2 males), JP (PRC, SLC); 10 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May, M.Arb (UWG); 17 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 11, Linc. P, 22 & 27 May (GAW); 6+, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co), 19 May (SJH, KRW). **LD**: 12 Jun, Montrose H (SB); 9 Jun (male), IBSP (EWW); 27 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 May, Downers Grove (REF); 19 May (2), Hickory Ridge Rd (Jackson Co) (RMR); 13 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 22 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 29 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 8 May, Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (2), JP (SLC). **MC**: 8, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 6, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 30 Apr (EWW); 6, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 6, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 5, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MJW). **LD**: 11 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **Other**: 11 May, Lake Forest Open Lands (Lake Co) (DRD).

Summer Tanager

EA: 22 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 9 May, Linc. P (GAW); 9 May, Downers Grove (REF); 10 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **MC**: 11, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 4, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 12 May (KAM); 3 (singing males), M.Arb, 21 May (MBC). **LD**: 27-29 May (1st summer), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD, EWW). **Others**: 16 & 21 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May, Morrison-Rockwood SP (Whiteside Co) (UWG).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 21 Apr (3), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, Ft Massae (KAM); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 4 May (female), JP (KMC); 5 May (5), Maple Grove FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC**: 15, Jackson Co, 5 May (RMR); 12 (1 female), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9,

Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co), 19 May (EWW); 6, Clinton Co, 5 May (KAM, RSH); 5, L Shelb.M, 4 May (TAM); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 3 (1 male, 2 females), JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 3 Jun (male), JP (PRC, CBA); 28 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 8 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 18 Mar, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (UWG); 21 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 22 Mar, Downers Grove (REF); 25 Mar, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 27 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 28, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 22, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 11, Johnson Co, 13 Apr (KAM); 6, LeVasseur P, 23 Apr (JBH); 3, JP, multiple dates between 25 Mar-5 May (PRC). **LD**: 25 May (female), JP (CBA).

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar (7), JP (PRC). **MC**: 42, Montrose H, 27 Feb (GAW); 26, Miller Meadow (Cook Co), 5 Mar (JSA); 11, JP, 25 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 21 Apr, JP (KMC); 20 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 22 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 Mar (8), Carl.C (DMK); 5 Mar, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 19 Mar (5), Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 23 Mar (2), Kankakee (JBH); 24 Mar, Shelby Co (KAF); 24 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 27 Mar, Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co) (UWG); 28 Mar, Linc. P (GAW); 29 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 35, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 30, Carl.C, 22 Apr & 5 May (DMK); 26, Union Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 25, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC). **LD**: 13 May (3), JP (SLC, PRC).

LeConte's Sparrow. Montrose Point, Chicago, Cook County. 18 May 2007. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 2 May, Linc. P (GAW); 2 May, JP (PRC); 2 & 5 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF, MJW); 4 May, HL (KAM); 5 May, IBSP (EWW); 5 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 5 May, Stark Co (JWW); 5 May, Chau (RG&*SNB); 5 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 4, JP, 6 May (PRC, CBA, SLC); 3, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 2, IBSP, 10 May (EWW). **LD**: **9 Jun** (male), IBSP (EWW) **- second latest IL departure date**; 22 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5-16 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 May (male), JP (PRC).

Field Sparrow

EA: 5 Mar, Johnson Co (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Shelby Co (KAF); 15 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 17 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 3 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 3 Apr, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 43, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 23, Clinton Co, 24 Apr (KAM); 18, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 15, Kankakee Co, 13 May (GAW); 10, JP, 23 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 8 May (3), JP (PRC, SLC).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 17 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar, AMAX (CLH); 19 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 25 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 1 Apr (5), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 11 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **50** (small flocks), DeKalb Co, 12 Apr (REF); 6, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH); 4, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 3, Montrose H, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 19 May, Northerly I (SJH, KRW); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 7 Apr, Carl.B (DMK).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 22 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW, MEF); 24 Apr, s. Clinton Co (KAM); 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ). **MC**: 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 May (JBH); 3, w. of Marietta (Fulton Co), 23 Apr (LLH); 2, Monroe Co, 27 Apr (DJ); 2, Sugar R Alder Tract FP (Winnebago Co), 5 May (DTW); 2, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS). **LD**: 3 May, Monroe Co (DJ). **Others**: 28 Apr, near Ridgway (Gallatin Co) (EWW); 20 May, Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co) (KAM).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 17 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Mar, JP (OSM); 30 Mar (2), Sand Ridge (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 Apr (9), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 1 Apr, Fulton Co (LLH). **MC**: **150**+, Northerly I, 19 May (SJH, KRW); 48, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 40+, Greene Vly FP, 17 May (REF); 40+, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 37, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 12, Carl.C, 25 Mar & 22 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 19 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 17 May (2), Monroe Co (DJ).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 22 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 22 Apr, Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (KAM); 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 5 May, JP (KMC et al.); 5 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 May, Shelby Co (KAF). **MC**: 20+, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS); 8, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: **25 & 31 Mar** (2), PrRdg (SAS, CLH) **- record early IL arrival**; **26 Mar**, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM) **- second earliest IL arrival**; 15 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 20 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 22 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 30 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 25+, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 30 May (MJW). **LD**: 17 May, Montrose H (KAM); 8 May, JP (PRC). **Others**: 27 Apr, Berhill (Wayne Co) (EWW); 11 May (2 males), Clin.L (MFD); 19-20 May (2+), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DGW, IOS); 28 May (male), Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **Remarks**: This year's records provide three of the four March dates for this species in IL; the other is an old specimen record from n. IL: 28 Mar 1910, Du Page Co.

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 9 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH, RES); 18 Mar, L Arlington (Cook Co) (JCB:ph); 27 Mar, Clin.L (MFD); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW); 1 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May, JP (RLS, RJL:ph, m.ob.). **MC**: 8, Clin.L, 14 Apr (TDF, MJW, IOS). **LD**: 18 May, IBSP (EWW); 9 May (2), JP (OSM); 8 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 19 May (3), Northerly I (SJH, KRW); 20 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 22 May, JP (PRC, JMS). **MC**: 3, Northerly I, as above; 3, Montrose H, 24 May (RDH); 2, Northerly I, 24 May (JDW); 2, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 26 May (MJW). **LD**: 27 May, Chi, McCormick Place (GAW); 25 May, Montrose H (KH:ph et al.); 23 May, JP (KMC, PJP).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 12 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Mar, Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 17 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 29, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Apr (DTW); 25, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 23, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 16, DeKalb Co, 24 Mar (DJS); 13, Boone Co, 7 Apr (AEB). **LD**: 22 Apr, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 19 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 16 Apr, JP (PRC); 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Song Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, JP (PRC); 10 Mar, Downers Grove (REF). **MC**: 137, JP, 14 Mar (PRC, KMC); 40, Carl.C, 30 Mar & 22 Apr (DMK); 39, Winthrop H, 12 Mar (EWW); 28, LeVasseur P, 22 Mar (JBH); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 16, Collision Monitoring, Chi, 25 Mar (*fide* AP). **LD**: 10 May, JP (SLC, PRC).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 23 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 23 Apr (at feeder), Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, Downers Grove (REF); 25 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH); 9 May (4), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 18, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 7, LeVasseur P, 18 May (JBH); 4, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 May (MEF). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, Greene Vly FP (UWG); 13 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Mar, JP (PRC); 17 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 18 Mar, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (UWG); 19 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Mar, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC**: 55, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 27 Apr (KAM); 43, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 40, Carl.C, 15 & 22 Apr (DMK); 23, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF); 18, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 18 Apr (TJD); 18, IBSP, 22 Apr (EWW); 8, Boone Co, 14 Apr (AEB). **LD**: 2 Jun, Linc. P (GAW); 18 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: **18 Mar** (3), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); **18 Mar**, L Renwick (Will Co) (UWG); 10 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 12 Apr (tan-striped morph), JP (KMC). **MC**: 263, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 209, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 164, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 101, Clinton Co, 30 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Jun, Downers Grove (REF); 21 May, Kankakee (JBH); 12 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS). **Remarks**: While early arrival dates are blurred by the overwintering population, birds involved in building

collisions are generally assumed to be migrants; this spring's Chi data provide a **record early arrival date** by two days for collision victims.

Harris's Sparrow

MC: 2, Moredock L (Monroe Co), 25 Apr (DJ). **LD**: 5 May, Knox Co (*fide* PR).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 19 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK); 7 Apr, Kidd L (Monroe Co) (DJ); 22 Apr, JP (SF, CMA); 24 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 253, Toulon (Stark Co), 5 May (JWW); 194, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 99, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 75+, Wauk., 9 May (EWW); 54, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 20, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK). **LD**: 27 May, Linc. P (GAW); 23 May, Downers Grove (REF); 19 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (UWG, DGW, IOS); 18 May, HL (FRH); 13 May (4), Fulton & McDonough Cos (LLH); 5 May (5), Monroe Co (DJ). **Others** (*Z.l. gambelii* - northwestern subspecies): 29 Apr, Hillside (Cook Co) (DFS); 1 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS:ph); 7 May (at feeder), Rockfd (DTW).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 64, Linc. P, 28 Mar (GAW); 58, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 45+, IBSP, 3 Apr (EWW); 30, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 23, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 2 Apr (MEF). **LD**: 28 May (female), JP (PRC); 19 May, McCormick Place, Chi (SJH, KRW); 9 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May, Downers Grove (REF); 6 May (3), Grant P, Chi (SLC); 5 May, Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 21 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 25 Mar (8), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 160, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH); 75, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 16 Mar (DTW); 65, DeKalb Co, 5 Mar (DJS); 30, nw. Stephenson Co, 4 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 15 Apr (15), DeKalb Co (DJS); 12 Apr, Linc. P (RDH); 17 Mar (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 25 Mar, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 Apr (45), Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 6 Apr (5), Jasper/Richland Cos (CLH). **MC**: 70 (two flocks), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 22 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 15 Apr (several), Iroquois Co (UWG).

Snow Bunting

LD: 7 Apr (2), Montrose H (LGM, m.ob.); 8 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Mar (7), nw. Stephenson Co (DTW).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 55, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 52, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 29, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 26, LeVasseur P, 11 Mar (JBH); 24, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 19, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 16 (single flock), Boone Co, 1 Mar (AEB).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 21 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 22 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); **23 Apr**, Downers Grove (REF); 23 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 28 Apr, Beall Wds (CLH, RES); 29 Apr (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 30 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 30 Apr (4 males), JP (PRC). **MC**: 55, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 23, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 19, Montrose H, 8 May (GAW); 11 (at feeders), Rockfd, 7 May (DTW). **LD**: 29 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 27 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks**: Unprecedented appearance of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, mostly males, during May 6-12 (LBH).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 22 Apr, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 29 Apr, Hardin Co (EWW); 1 May, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 May (male), Decatur (MFD); 4-5 May (male), L Shelb.M (TAM). **MC**: 8, Union Co, 3 May (VMK); 6, EStL, 27 May (DMK, FRH); 4, HLCA, 11 May (KAM); 3, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 3, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 20 May (TAM, SDB, DGW, IOS). **LD**: 22 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **Others**: 18 May (pair), Midewin National Tallgrass Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 29 May (2), Rend L (DMK, CLH).

LAZULI BUNTING

29 Apr (ad. male), Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, Colored Sands FP (Winnebago Co) (JLA, EC:ph, LGJ, JL, DS).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 18 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 21 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 23 Apr, Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 23 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 27 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 1 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF); 5 May (male), JP (PRC, SLC). **MC**: 291, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 90, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 60, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK); 45, Moultrie Co, 5 May (TAM); 31, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 25+, Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co), 19 May (EWW); 15, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 2 Jun (2 - male, female), Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP). **Others**: 7 May (18 at feeders), Mode (Shelby Co) (KAF).

Painted Bunting

EA: 6 May (pair), EStL (DMK); 12 May (male), EStL (DMK, KAM). [**Others**: 17 May (approximate date, photographed), Cook Co; 22-23 May, Cook Co, pending IORC review].

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr (2), Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 4 May, L Shelb.M (TAM); 5 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 11 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 65, Union Co, 5 May (VMK); 50, Shelby Co, 5 May (KAF); 45, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW).

Bobolink

EA: 22 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 29 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 2 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 5 May (2), Deer Grove East FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC**: 150+, Monroe Co, 3 May (DJ) - one flock consisted of 120+ males with no females (DJ); 40+, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 22, near Ridgway (Gallatin Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 8, Chi, 27 May (GAW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 7, se. of Manito (Mason Co), 5 May (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (3), Monroe Co (DJ); 21 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 May (6), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MS); 11 May, HLCA (KAM); 5 May, Wabash Co (CLH).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (30), w. Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb, Downers Grove (REF); 27 Feb (male), JP (PRC); 9 Mar (with Common Grackles), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 10,000, Carl.C, 17 Mar (DMK); 810, LeVasseur P, 14 Mar (JBH); 761, JP, 14 Mar (PRC); 231, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 221, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ). **LD**: **28 May** (97), JP (PRC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 18 Feb, Shelby Co (KAF); 23 Feb (2), w. Kankakee Co (JBH); 8 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Mar (6), JP (PRC, JSM); 11 Mar, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co) (DTW). **MC**: 45, PrRdg, 9 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 26 May (DMK); 36, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH); 24, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 12, Montrose H, 15 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 6 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr, JP (PRC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 8 Mar (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 14 Mar (singing male), JP (PRC); 15 Apr (2), Momence (Kankakee Co) (UWG); 23 Apr, DeKalb Co (REF). **MC**: 10+, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 19-20 May (DGW, IOS); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 17 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **Other**: 18 May, Du Page County Airport (Du Page Co) (KAM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: **10 Mar** (ad. male - overwintered?), Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (DFS). **MC**: **30+**, Rollins Svna, 19 May (KAM); 6+, Spring L (Carroll Co), 19-20 May (DTW, IOS); 2, Hennepin L, 20 May (KAM). **LD**: 5 May (ad. female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM:ph, MFD); 27 Apr, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **Others**: 19 May (male), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (DTW, IOS); 28 May (2), Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (UWG).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 10 Mar (25), Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 12 Mar (11), IBSP (EWW); 13 Mar (4), Montrose H (GAW); 17 Mar (17), Tri-County SP (Du Page Co) (REF); 17 Mar, Clin.L (TAM, TDF); 24 Mar (29), LCal (WJM); 26 Mar (11), Thatcher Wds (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 Mar (2), JP (KMC et al.). **MC**: 400, Santa Fe Btms, 8 Mar (DMK); 250, Aroma FP (Kankakee Co), 7 Apr (JBH); 201, Jersey Co, 10 Mar (GAW); 150, UCCA, 5 Mar (KAM); 35, Mackinaw Bluffs, 4 Mar (*fide* MEF). **LD**: 5 May (2), JP (AA); 22 Apr (30), Carl.C (DMK); 22 Apr (female), Aroma FP FP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr (6), Waterfall Glen FP (UWG); 14 Apr (6), Boone Co (AEB); 4 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 1 Apr (13), Carl.F (TAM, DMK); 22 Mar (30), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 8 Mar (200), Carl.C (DMK); 31 Mar (2), AMAX (CLH); 1 Apr, Henry Co (JDC); 1 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 6 Apr (6), Pine Rd (DeKalb Co) (DJS); 22 Apr (8), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 400, Carl.C, 7 & 15 Apr (DMK); 20, Monroe Co, 19 Apr (DJ). **LD**: 25 Apr, Monroe Co (DJ); 13 Apr (15), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). **Other**: 12 Apr, Edgar Co (JDC).

Common Grackle

EA: 28 Feb, Downers Grove (REF); 1 Mar (4), Mazonia FWA (Grundy Co) (JBH); 9 Mar (45), Rockfd (DTW); 9 Mar, Boone Co (AEB); 9 Mar

(21), JP (PRC); 18 Mar (40), Shelby Co (KAF). **MC**: 60,000, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 892, Linc. P, 14 Mar (GAW); 350, LeVasseur P, 6 Apr (JBH); 214, McDonough Co, 5 May (LLH). **LD**: 3 Jun, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 28 May (71), JP (PRC).

[GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

12 or 13 May (3), Whiteside Co - no documentation received; 22 May, Monroe Co, pending IORC review].

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 3 Mar (3), Shelby Co (KAF); 11 Mar (male), JP (PRC, JSM). **MC**: 4000, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 342, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 165, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 100+, Bellrose Rsv, 13 Apr (KAM); 48, LeVasseur P, 2 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 11 May, Collision Monitoring, Chi (*fide* AP); 7 May (20), JP (SLC, PRC).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 22 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 25 Apr, Shelby Co (KAF); 29 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 30 Apr (3 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, Montrose H (DRD et al.); 5 May, Waterfall Glen FP (REF). **MC**: 22, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 27 May (DMK); 11, Jackson Co, 27 Apr (KAM); 10, LeVasseur P, 18 May (JBH); 3 (1st spring males), JP, 8 May (SLC, PRC); 3, Montrose H, 12 May (GAW). **LD**: 22 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 22 Apr, I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 22 Apr, Decatur (TAM); 22 Apr, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 29 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB); 29 Apr (2 males), JP (PRC); 29 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 29 Apr (10), Carl.C (DMK); 30 Apr, Downers Grove (REF). **MC**: 25, Carl.C, 5 May (DMK); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 19, JP, 28 May (PRC); 16, nw. Winnebago Co, 5 May (DTW); 16, Union Co, 5 May (VMK).

Purple Finch

EA: 16-17 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 17 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 29 Mar, Linc. P (KH). **LD**: 13 Apr (female), Gallatin Co (KAM, JM); 1-3 Apr (female), Kankakee (JBH); 1-3 Apr (female), Downers Grove (REF); 3 Apr, Linc. P (RDH).

House Finch

MC: 45, Montrose H, 23 Mar (GAW); 35, LeVasseur P, 4 Mar (JBH); 8, Ogle Co, 3 Mar (KAM); 8, Carl.C, 29 Apr (DMK); 7, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ); 6, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 5, JP, 10 & 21 Apr (PRC).

Common Redpoll

LD: 17-24 Mar, Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co) (BCW, DTW).

American Goldfinch

MC: 87, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 60, Carl.C, 22 Apr & 13 May (DMK); 34, LeVasseur P, 7 May (JBH); 27, nw. Cook Co, 5 May (GAW); 21, Mackinaw Bluffs, 5 May (MEF, MJW); 11, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ).

House Sparrow

MC: 400, Montrose H, 11 Mar (DMK); 400, Carl.C, 15 Apr (DMK) - record spring high counts; 61, JP, 5 May (PRC, SLC); 9, Monroe Co, 5 May (DJ).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 58, Chau, 5 May (RGB, SNB) - record spring high count for c. IL; 12, HL, 12 May (DMK).

EXOTICS

Cockatiel

19 May, IBSP (KAM).

European Goldfinch

EA: 11 Mar (4), IBSP (EWW); 13 Mar (2), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 18 (3 flocks), IBSP, 18 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 22 Apr (6 - 3 pairs), IBSP (EWW).

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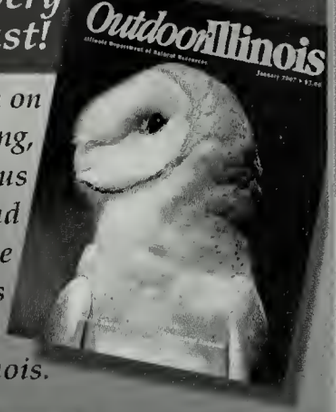

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